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OBSERVATIONS

(Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, DCF had 23,120 open cases (1,818 adoption cases and 21,302 clinical cases). A total of 76,003 consumers¹ (36,524 adults and 39,479 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,897 in the Boston Region to 4,896 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, consumer and case counts both increased less than 1%. Consumer and case counts had declined the first three quarters of FY'2010. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This recent change in the quarterly pattern coincided with the change in child abuse and neglect investigations. The recent declines in investigations are attributable to the new system of screening in "less serious" reports for initial assessment instead of investigation. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Fig. 22** on page 58)
- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (8,097) increased less than 1% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2010. The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). (see table below)
- The DCF consumer population (76,003) has decreased 14% since reaching its highest level of 88,568 at the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. (see table below)

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,127	34,906
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	9/2009	80,594	41,916	8,413	38,678
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	12/2009	77,200	40,095	8,024	37,105
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	3/2010	75,752	39,281	8,094	36,471
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524

Note: revised counts as of 1/31/2011

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-6/2010)

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,726 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010. Included in this count are 8,097 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,629 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 12% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 21% (or 8,097) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in the Northeast, 21% in the Southeast, 20% in the West, 19% in Metro, 19% in Central, and 19% in Boston. **(Table 2 on page 9)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, Lynn, and Greenfield Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, North Central, Harbor, and Taunton/Attleboro Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, the number of children in placement declined less than 1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -4% in both Metro and Boston to 4% in the Southeast. In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1st and 4th quarters while increases were more common in the 3rd quarter. **(Fig. 3 on page 10)**

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, there were 31,382 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, counts of children not in placement increased 1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -4% in Boston to 5% in Central. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). **(Fig. 4 on page 10)**

Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, the consumer population included 39,479 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 36,524 (48%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (13,943) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5 on page 11)**
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. **(Fig. 5)**

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 54% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 14% of consumers. Selection of “Unable to Determine” for race often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded (missing) for 10% of consumers. (**Tables 3A and 3B** on page 12, **Figs. 6A and 6B** on page 13)
- Of the total consumer population, 25% (19,365 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded (missing) for 13% of DCF consumers. (**Table 3B** on page 12, **Figs. 6C and 6D** on page 14)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 44% Black and 22% White consumers (4,028 and 2,033 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (699 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)
- The West, Northeast, Central, and Boston Regions had the highest numbers (and proportions) of consumers who were Hispanic/Latino and the highest numbers (and proportions) of consumers whose race could not be determined. (**Tables 3A and 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D**)

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

Race	State Census² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 6/30/10	DCF All Substitute Care* 6/30/10	DCF Foster Care 6/30/10	DCF Congregate Care** 6/30/10	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 6/30/10	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 6/30/10	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2009	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2009
White	79%	55%	58%	57%	58%	57%	63%	64%	61%
Black	7%	17%	19%	18%	23%	17%	20%	13%	19%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	7%	4%	9%	5%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	15%	15%	13%	15%	11%	14%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	31,382	8,097	6,213	1,514	2,478	585	782	554
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	32%	27%	27%	25%	28%	24%	21%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	60%	68%	67%	71%	65%	72%	70%	73%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	8%	6%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DCF retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁴											
Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi-Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin ⁵ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

⁴ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,195 consumers), 8% (894), and 9% (862), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 268 DCF consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 15)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and June 2010, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others. The most significant changes were declines in Khmer (Cambodian) speakers (-25%) and Vietnamese speakers (-22%). The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 43. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 3%.

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Jun. 2010 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	69,056	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,521	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	268	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	277	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	242	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	150	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	130	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	69	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	43	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	43	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,204	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	76,003	14%	5%

* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	395	265	272	209	336	182	157	2	1,818
Clinical	4,471	3,194	3,328	2,950	4,560	2,715	3	81	21,302
Total	4,866	3,459	3,600	3,159	4,896	2,897	160	83	23,120
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	279	166	329	222	299	243	---	39	1,577
Other ⁽⁶⁾	1	1	7	3	1	7	---	15	35
On the Run	2	1	4	2	4	3	---	1	17
Total in Placement	282	168	340	227	304	253	---	55	1,629
Not in Placement	7,692	5,378	5,086	4,731	7,762	4,236	---	10	34,895
Total Adults	7,974	5,546	5,426	4,958	8,066	4,489	---	65	36,524
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,720	1,159	1,236	885	1,589	855	255	28	7,727
Other ⁽⁶⁾	31	39	43	24	32	25	---	6	200
On the Run	50	14	29	20	32	25	---	---	170
Total in Placement	1,801	1,212	1,308	929	1,653	905	255	34	8,097
Not in Placement	7,073	5,248	4,827	3,964	6,397	3,854	15	4	31,382
Total Children	8,874	6,460	6,135	4,893	8,050	4,759	270	38	39,479
Total	16,848	12,006	11,561	9,851	16,116	9,248	270	103	76,003

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Developmental Services (DDS) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DCF REGION
 (FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER)

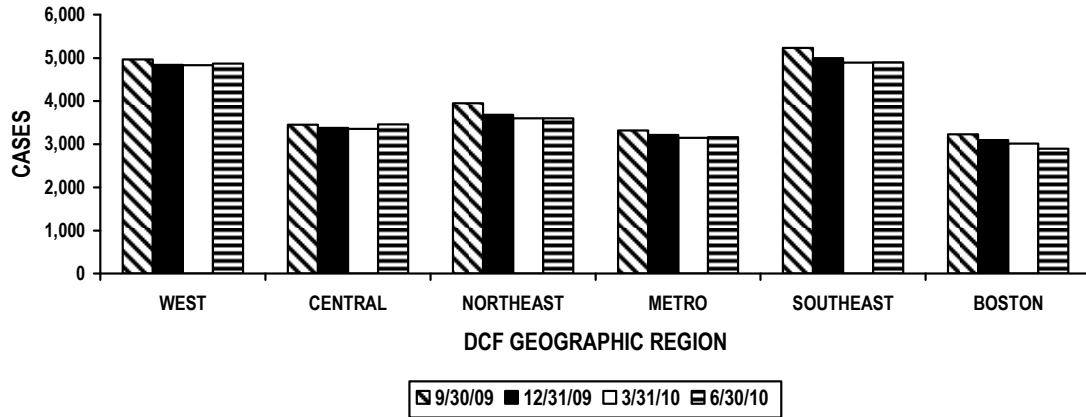


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
 (FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER)

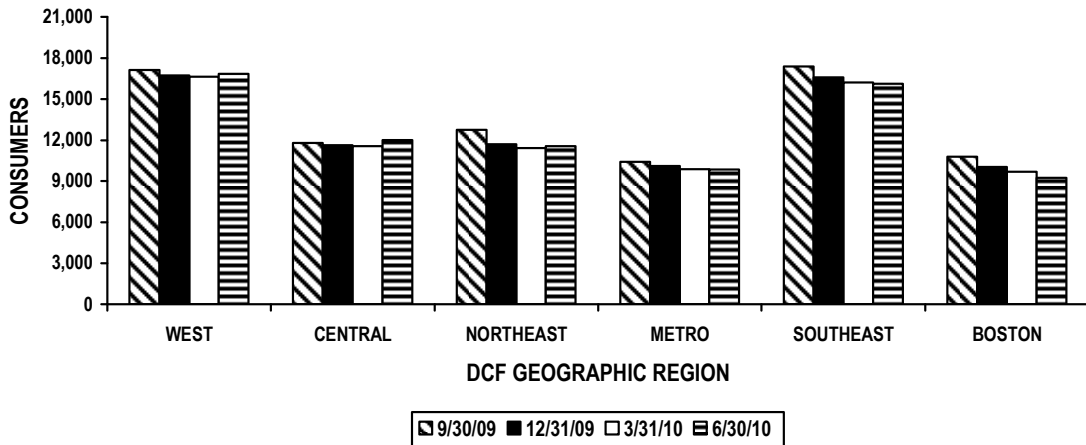


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER 6/30/09)

DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	939	325	1,264	26%
Holyoke	1,658	351	2,009	17%
Pittsfield	901	400	1,301	31%
Robert Van Wart	2,256	359	2,615	14%
Springfield	2,305	443	2,748	16%
Contracted Agencies	7	5	7	71%
West	8,066	1,883	9,949	19%
North Central	1,614	300	1,914	16%
South Central	1,087	283	1,370	21%
Worcester East	1,655	382	2,037	19%
Worcester West	1,266	329	1,595	21%
Contracted Agencies	5	2	7	29%
Central	5,627	1,296	6,923	19%
Cape Ann	940	246	1,186	21%
Haverhill	928	217	1,145	19%
Lawrence	1,302	236	1,538	15%
Lowell	1,961	424	2,385	18%
Lynn	1,208	287	1,495	19%
Contracted Agencies	2	---	2	---
Northeast	6,341	1,410	7,751	18%
Arlington	798	199	997	20%
Cambridge	802	166	968	17%
Coastal	925	300	1,225	24%
Framingham	887	196	1,083	18%
Malden	1,314	256	1,570	16%
Contracted Agencies	10	6	16	38%
Metro	4,736	1,123	5,859	19%
Brockton	1,452	269	1,721	16%
Cape Cod	901	193	1,094	18%
Fall River	1,220	367	1,587	23%
New Bedford	1,886	436	2,322	19%
Plymouth	1,254	214	1,468	15%
Taunton/Attleboro	960	217	1,177	18%
Contracted Agencies	8	5	13	38%
Southeast	7,681	1,701	9,382	18%
Dimock Street	964	234	1,198	20%
Harbor	1,503	245	1,748	14%
Hyde Park	996	220	1,216	18%
Park Street	1,655	325	1,980	16%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	1	100%
Boston	5,118	1,025	6,143	17%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	19	227	246	92%
Other ⁽³⁾	6	29	35	83%
Total	37,594	8,694	46,288	19%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER)

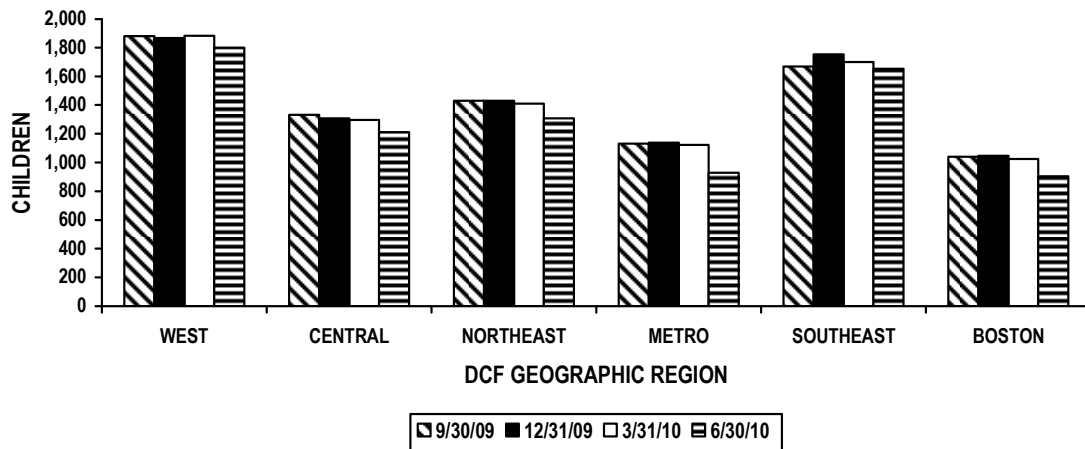
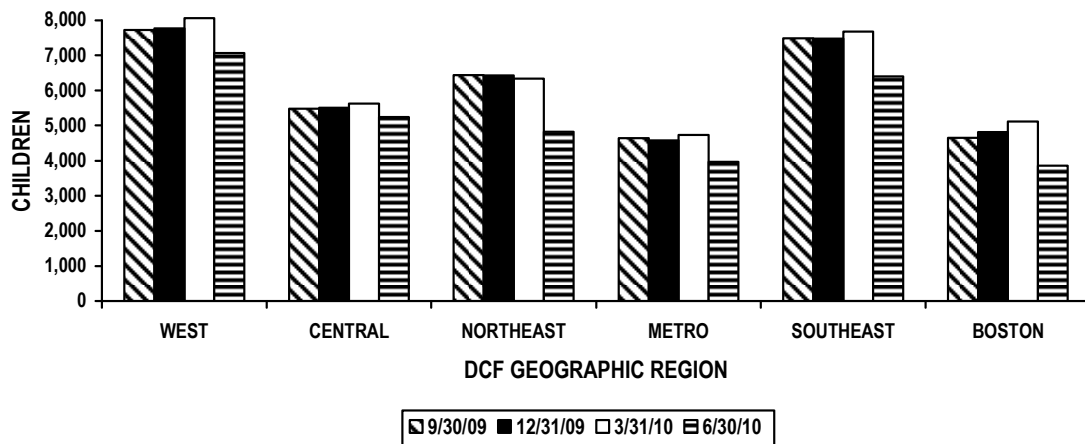
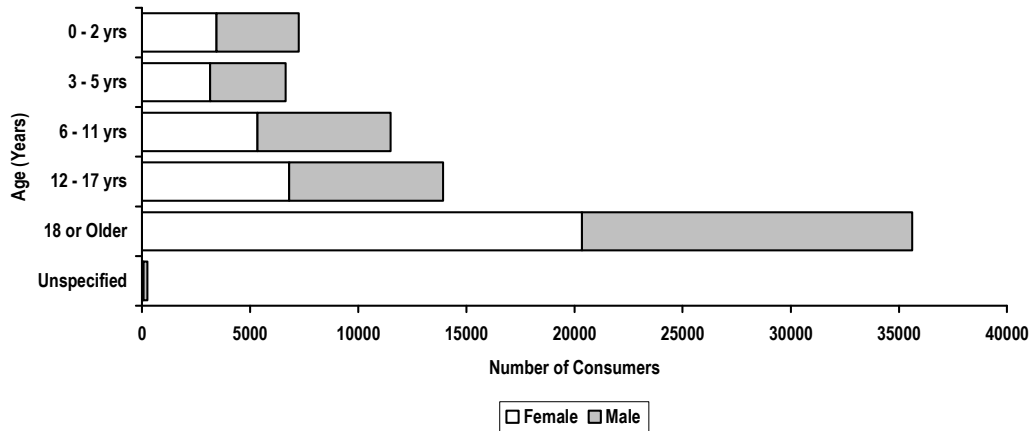


FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
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**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,456	3,789	57	7,302
3 - 5	3,157	3,478	24	6,659
6 - 11	5,348	6,153	48	11,549
12 - 17	6,805	7,110	28	13,943
18 or older	20,350	15,274	496	36,120
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	72	195	163	430
Total	39,188	35,999	816	76,003

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 404 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 26 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 816 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	8,777	52%	7,504	63%	6,496	56%	5,744	58%	10,375	64%	2,033	22%	133	49%	7	7%	41,069	54%
Black	1,959	12%	1,077	9%	1,003	9%	1,685	17%	2,446	15%	4,028	44%	52	19%	49	48%	12,299	16%
Asian	46	*	137	1%	699	6%	252	3%	98	1%	244	3%	2	1%	30	29%	1,508	2%
Native American	23	*	18	*	18	*	7	*	57	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	133	*
Other ⁽³⁾	8	*	9	*	13	*	2	*	10	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	56	*
Multi-Racial	448	3%	479	4%	402	3%	239	2%	604	4%	143	2%	29	11%	---	---	2,344	3%
Unable to Determine	3,099	18%	1,853	15%	2,048	18%	972	10%	991	6%	1,862	20%	53	20%	16	16%	10,894	14%
Missing	2,488	15%	929	8%	882	8%	950	10%	1,535	10%	915	10%	---	---	1	1%	7,700	10%
Total	16,848	100%	12,006	100%	11,561	100%	9,851	100%	16,116	100%	9,248	100%	270	100%	103	100%	76,003	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,494	33%	3,400	28%	3,805	33%	1,545	16%	2,176	14%	2,831	31%	89	33%	25	24%	19,365	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	7,948	47%	6,995	58%	6,295	54%	6,362	65%	11,160	69%	4,824	52%	161	60%	74	72%	43,819	58%
Unable to Determine	753	4%	368	3%	334	3%	382	4%	610	4%	341	4%	20	7%	1	1%	2,809	4%
Missing	2,653	16%	1,243	10%	1,127	10%	1,562	16%	2,170	13%	1,252	14%	---	---	3	3%	10,010	13%
Total	16,848	100%	12,006	100%	11,561	100%	9,851	100%	16,116	100%	9,248	100%	270	100%	103	100%	76,003	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

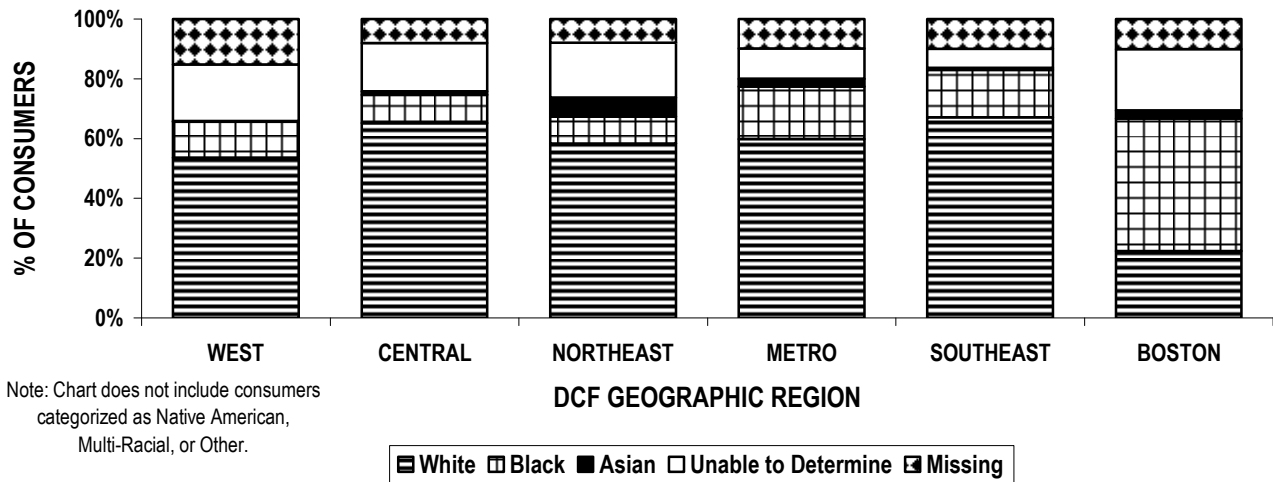


FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
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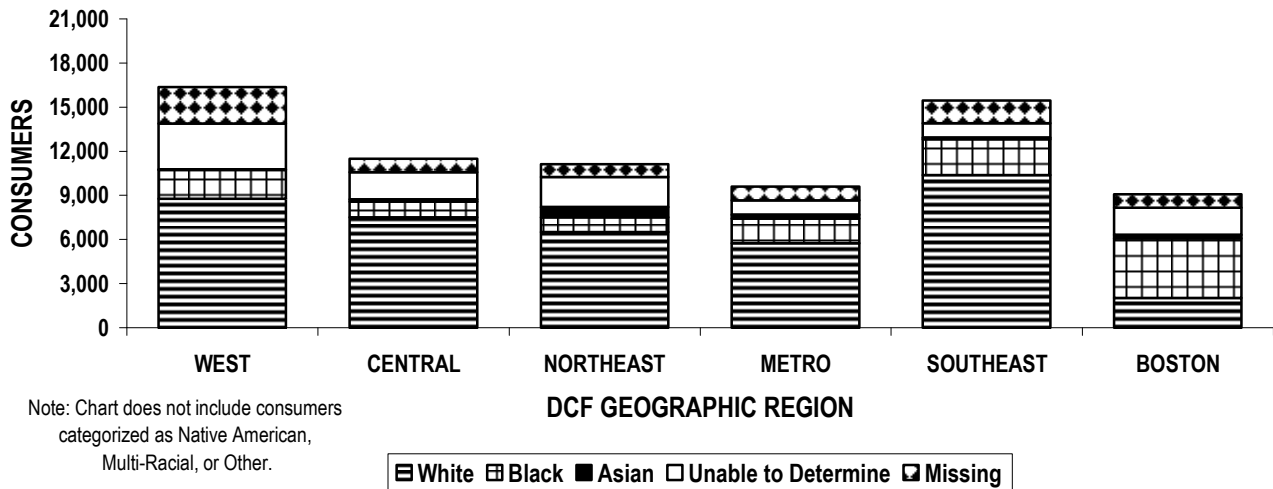


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
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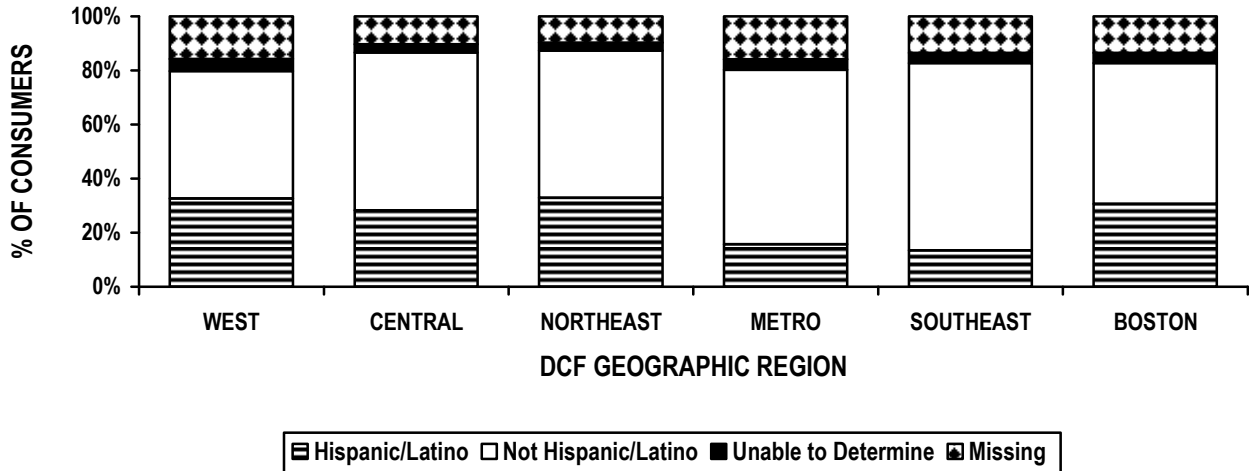


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

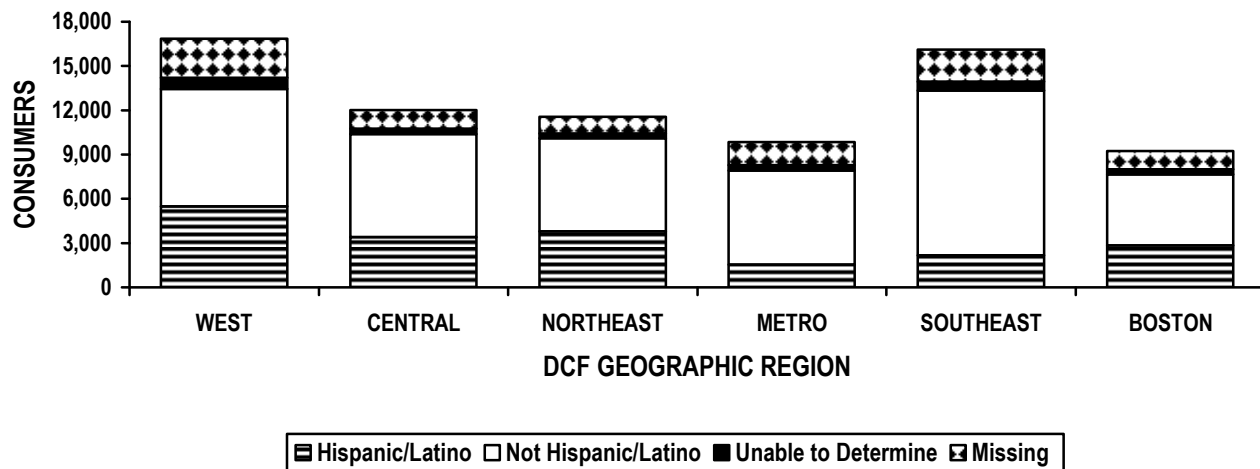


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,195	7%	738	6%	894	8%	418	4%	383	2%	862	9%	11	4%	20	19%	4,521	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	2	*	216	2%	3	*	28	*	17	*	---	---	---	---	268	*
Portuguese	4	*	16	*	26	*	92	1%	114	1%	25	*	---	---	---	---	277	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	10	*	10	*	119	1%	43	*	60	1%	---	---	---	---	242	*
Vietnamese	3	*	37	*	6	*	19	*	2	*	63	1%	---	---	---	---	130	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	2	*	---	---	7	*	94	1%	47	1%	---	---	---	---	150	*
Chinese	5	*	4	*	4	*	36	*	---	---	19	*	---	---	1	1%	69	*
Lao	---	---	1	*	42	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	43	*
American Sign Language	6	*	5	*	12	*	6	*	8	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	43	*
Other	309	2%	186	2%	131	1%	158	2%	240	1%	134	1%	1	*	45	44%	1,204	2%
English\Unspecified	15,324	91%	11,005	92%	10,220	88%	8,993	91%	15,204	94%	8,015	87%	258	96%	37	36%	69,056	91%
Total	16,848	100%	12,006	100%	11,561	100%	9,851	100%	16,116	100%	9,248	100%	270	100%	103	100%	76,003	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,424 consumers in foster care and 1,880 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 5A** on page 26)
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (27-33% range across regions). Among regions, the West and Southeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 524 and 418, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 64% to 73% across the regions. The Metro and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 255 and 249, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (76-91% regional range). (**Table 5A**)
- There were 2,044 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,380 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (30%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (9%), and independent living (13%).¹⁰ (**Table 5B** on page 27)
- The West (445), Northeast (383), and Southeast (371) had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. (**Table 5B, Fig. 7B** on page 29).
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. (**Fig. 7B, Table 5B**)

⁶Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

¹⁰ The Departmental foster care category of independent living, represents the payment of the foster care rate directly to the youth to subsidize room and board expenses.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A (page 29). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West, Central, and Southeast. The Northeast had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Central. The Western and Central Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast and Boston as compared to the other regions. Boston had the largest proportion of consumers in intensive foster care. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (874 consumers), residential (674), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹¹ (332 consumers). **(Table 5C on page 28)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The West and Northeast had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston and the Southeast. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. **(Fig. 8A on page 30)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Southeast had the most consumers in the residential and STARR programs. **(Fig. 8B on page 30)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹² **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (411 consumers), group home (319), and independent living (144). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, there was a statewide increase of 1% in foster care children and an decrease of 2% in congregate care children.¹³ Regional changes in the foster care population ranged from -4% in both Boston and Metro to 3% in the Southeast. Changes in the congregate care population ranged from -5% in the Northeast to 2% in Boston. **(Figs. 9 and 10 on page 31).**

¹¹ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹² Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

¹³ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since at least 2003 (See table on page 1).
- Statewide declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occur predominantly in the 1st quarter. The declines in total consumers and children not in placement coincided with the pattern for investigations (**Fig. 22** on page 58).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A** on page 32, **Fig. 11A** on page 34). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.¹⁴
- Statewide, 57% of all consumers in placement were White, 21% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 6% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 15% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 26% (2,559 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western, Northeastern, and Central Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race had not been identified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western, Northeastern, and Central Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 37% to 46%. (**Table 6B** on page 33)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 168 in the Central Region to 340 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)

¹⁴ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2009). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates—Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC-EST2009-02-25.XLS)

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (26%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁵ (APPLA) (20%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The Northeast and Southeast had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B on page 35)**
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹⁶ (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 6/30/2010, 41% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁷, 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 38% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeast and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous care¹⁸ for more than two years (45%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (44%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (814 and 773, respectively). The West, Southeast, and Northeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for more than two years (861, 744, and 738, respectively). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (47% for Black vs. 42% for Hispanic, 41% for White, 39% for Multi-Racial, 39% for Unable to Determine, 31% for Asian). **(Tables 7A and 7B on page 36)**

¹⁵ Goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

¹⁶ Goal is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹⁷ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹⁸ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2010).

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 (“snapshot” on 6/30/10), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹⁹ age was 11.5 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 19 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.1 and 1.6 years). (See table below)

Children in Placement*			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
9/09	11.4	1.1	8,413
12/09	11.7	1.2	8,024
3/10	11.7	1.2	8,094
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

NOTE: Revised statistics as of 1/31/2011

¹⁹ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

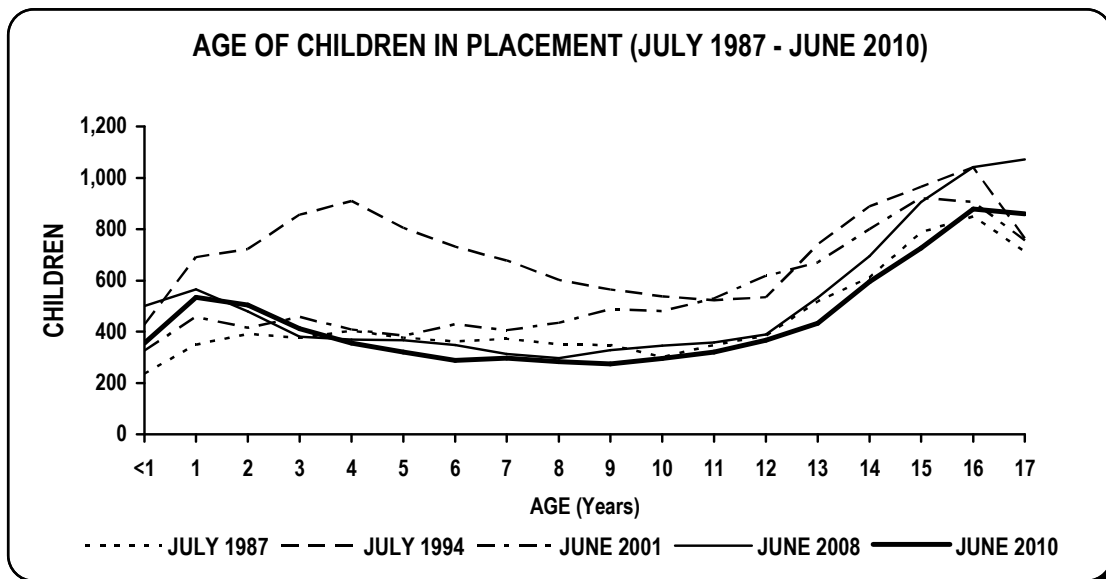
- An age breakdown of children in placement by race and Hispanic origin is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of White, Hispanic, Unable to Determine, and Multi-Racial children. Median time in care for Black children was longer than median time in care for other minority children and White children. On 6/30/10, 48% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children in Placement on 6/30/10*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.3	1.2	4,656
Black	12.8	1.5	1,560
Asian	14.6	1.1	156
Native American	9.4	0.6	19
Pacific Islander	----	----	2
Multi-Racial	7.5	1.3	498
Unable to Determine	10.8	1.1	1,202
Missing	----	----	4
TOTAL	11.5	1.2	8,097
Hispanic Origin**	11.7	1.3	2,182

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

The figure below shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2010, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. In 2008, there was an increase in all adolescent-aged children; peak numbers of 16-17 year olds were recorded. This surge in counts of older children was temporary as adolescent numbers in 2010 dropped to earlier levels. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,889 in 2001, 9,287 in 2008, and 8,097 in 2010.



Service Plan Goals of Consumers in Placement

- Twenty-nine percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 32% for White and 33% for Hispanic consumers (**Tables 8A and 8B** on page 37). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—25% Black vs. 19% White and 19% Hispanic for APPLA; 21% Black vs. 26% White and 27% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,482 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,426 (57%) were White, 428 (17%) were Black, 31 (1%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 222 (9%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 371 (15%) consumers. Twenty-eight percent (691) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A** on page 39)
- The age distribution of 2,482 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 33% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C** on page 38, **Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-five percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 45% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D** on page 38, **Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)

- There has been a decline in the number of children²⁰ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). From June 2001 to June 2009, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has fluctuated between 26-29%. On 6/30/2010, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption rose to 31%. (See table below)

Date mo/yr	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
9/09	8,413	2,484	30%
12/09	8,024	2,348	29%
3/10	8,094	2,419	30%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%

²⁰ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,482 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 40% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-nine percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B** on page 40)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2009 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 9% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 6/30/10		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	240	648	37%
3 – 5	252	614	41%
6 – 11	331	829	40%
12 – 17	168	387	43%
Total	991	2,478	40%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age

- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (60%), 64% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (55% and 48%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 25% in the Northeast to 55% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C** on page 41)
- The Metro, Western, and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (82%, 81%, and 80%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 43% in the Northeast to 82% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D** on page 41)

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

		Placement Location of Consumers							
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Western		1,683		316		84		2,083	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	340	20%	1	*	2	2%	343	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	278	17%	---	---	---	---	278	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	337	20%	34	11%	5	6%	376	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	524	31%	206	65%	74	88%	804	
	18 or older	204	12%	75	24%	3	4%	282	
Central		1,097		228		55		1,380	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	213	19%	---	---	3	5%	216	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	152	14%	1	*	1	2%	154	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	231	21%	43	19%	7	13%	281	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	366	33%	153	67%	42	76%	561	
	18 or older	135	12%	31	14%	2	4%	168	
Northeast		1,224		341		83		1,648	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	194	16%	---	---	---	---	194	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	156	13%	2	1%	1	1%	159	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	242	20%	34	10%	4	5%	280	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	381	31%	227	67%	67	81%	675	
	18 or older	251	21%	78	23%	11	13%	340	
Metro		756		351		49		1,156	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	132	17%	---	---	---	---	132	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	82	11%	---	---	1	2%	83	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	147	19%	32	9%	3	6%	182	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	237	31%	255	73%	40	82%	532	
	18 or older	158	21%	64	18%	5	10%	227	
Southeast		1,527		361		69		1,957	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	317	21%	---	---	---	---	317	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	241	16%	7	2%	---	---	248	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	304	20%	53	15%	1	1%	358	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	418	27%	249	69%	63	91%	730	
	18 or older	247	16%	52	14%	5	7%	304	
Boston		817		281		60		1,158	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	154	19%	---	---	2	3%	156	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	99	12%	2	1%	---	---	101	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	139	17%	32	11%	---	---	171	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	248	30%	181	64%	48	80%	477	
	18 or older	177	22%	66	23%	10	17%	253	
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		253		2		---		255	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	37	15%	---	---	---	---	37	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	64	25%	---	---	---	---	64	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	107	42%	1	50%	---	---	108	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	45	18%	1	50%	---	---	46	
Other ⁽⁴⁾		67		---		22		89	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	3%	---	---	---	---	2	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	25	37%	---	---	6	27%	31	
	18 or older	39	58%	---	---	16	73%	55	
Total		7,424		1,880		422		9,726	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

		Foster Care							
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		425	20	131	116	320	130	541	1,683
	(0 - 2 yrs)	12	6	19	---	75	56	172	340
	(3 - 5 yrs)	21	2	23	---	91	35	106	278
	(6 - 11 yrs)	90	---	41	---	78	29	99	337
	(12 - 17 yrs)	256	10	37	3	68	10	140	524
	18 or older	46	2	11	113	8	---	24	204
Central		270	18	98	57	221	80	353	1,097
	(0 - 2 yrs)	3	3	10	---	57	30	110	213
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	---	19	---	46	22	56	152
	(6 - 11 yrs)	43	1	24	---	58	22	83	231
	(12 - 17 yrs)	174	9	30	---	56	6	91	366
	18 or older	41	5	15	57	4	---	13	135
Northeast		349	34	63	177	306	42	253	1,224
	(0 - 2 yrs)	29	2	8	---	73	11	71	194
	(3 - 5 yrs)	28	4	2	---	60	14	48	156
	(6 - 11 yrs)	62	6	11	---	90	11	62	242
	(12 - 17 yrs)	189	10	34	6	75	6	61	381
	18 or older	41	12	8	171	8	---	11	251
Metro		216	3	51	93	173	44	176	756
	(0 - 2 yrs)	15	1	10	---	46	19	41	132
	(3 - 5 yrs)	21	---	4	---	29	3	25	82
	(6 - 11 yrs)	36	---	10	---	53	15	33	147
	(12 - 17 yrs)	119	1	15	---	38	7	57	237
	18 or older	25	1	12	93	7	---	20	158
Southeast		364	7	96	137	373	75	475	1,527
	(0 - 2 yrs)	20	1	17	---	89	33	157	317
	(3 - 5 yrs)	38	---	14	---	94	21	74	241
	(6 - 11 yrs)	70	---	25	---	94	18	97	304
	(12 - 17 yrs)	182	1	26	4	79	3	123	418
	18 or older	54	5	14	133	17	---	24	247
Boston		252	10	38	106	195	36	180	817
	(0 - 2 yrs)	17	3	11	---	56	15	52	154
	(3 - 5 yrs)	26	---	5	---	39	11	18	99
	(6 - 11 yrs)	53	2	6	---	47	8	23	139
	(12 - 17 yrs)	117	5	10	---	48	2	66	248
	18 or older	39	---	6	106	5	---	21	177
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		72	4	22	---	43	51	61	253
	(0 - 2 yrs)	4	2	1	---	11	8	11	37
	(3 - 5 yrs)	11	1	9	---	12	14	17	64
	(6 - 11 yrs)	34	1	6	---	16	23	27	107
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	---	6	---	4	6	6	45
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	4	20	---	---	43	67
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	22	25
	18 or older	---	---	---	20	---	---	19	39
Total		1,948	96	503	706	1,631	458	2,082	7,424

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential			
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	94	48	24	87	1	62	316
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	11	2	---	13	---	8	34
(12 - 17 yrs)	76	20	---	57	---	53	206
18 or older	7	26	24	17	1	---	75
Central	66	48	1	62	4	47	228
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	13	8	---	11	---	11	43
(12 - 17 yrs)	45	30	---	42	2	34	153
18 or older	8	10	1	9	2	1	31
Northeast	94	38	47	118	1	43	341
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	18	1	---	11	1	3	34
(12 - 17 yrs)	72	26	8	83	---	38	227
18 or older	4	11	39	24	---	---	78
Metro	30	92	28	131	2	68	351
(6 - 11 yrs)	7	5	---	15	---	5	32
(12 - 17 yrs)	22	72	6	90	2	63	255
18 or older	1	15	22	26	---	0	64
Southeast	69	47	13	142	6	84	361
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	1	---	5	7
(6 - 11 yrs)	18	---	---	17	---	18	53
(12 - 17 yrs)	47	37	8	91	5	61	249
18 or older	4	9	5	33	1	---	52
Boston	58	46	31	113	6	27	281
(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	1	---	---	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	14	3	---	11	---	4	32
(12 - 17 yrs)	37	34	5	79	3	23	181
18 or older	6	9	26	22	3	---	66
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Total	411	319	144	654	20	332	1,880

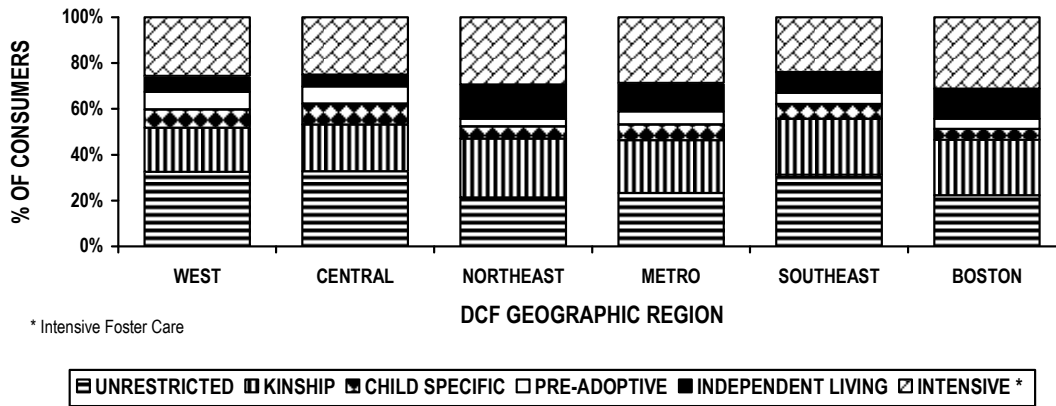
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (19), other (1)

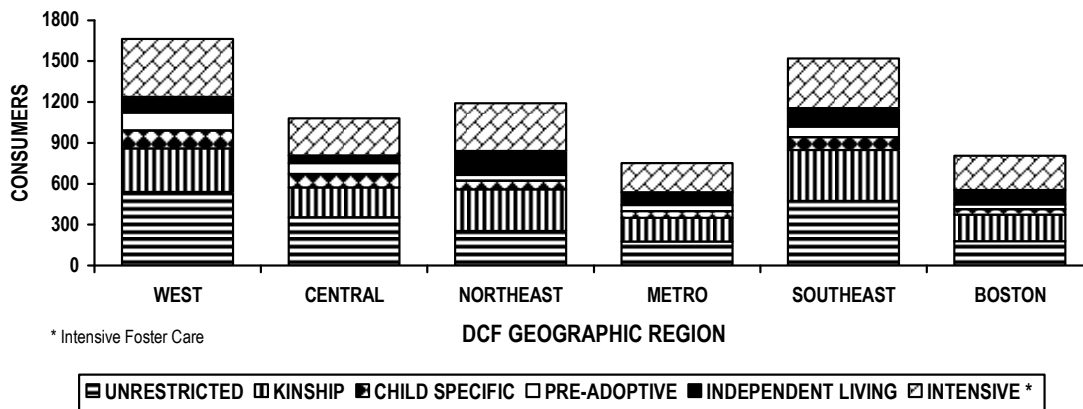
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

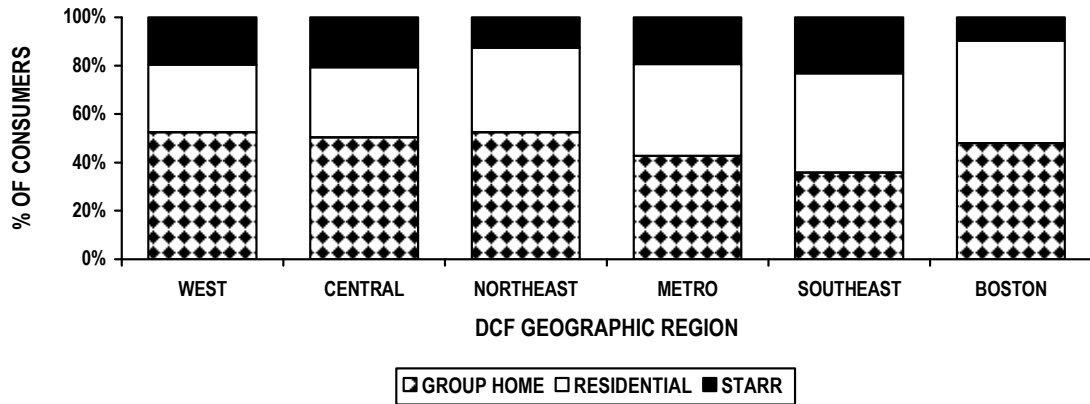
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**



**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**



**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

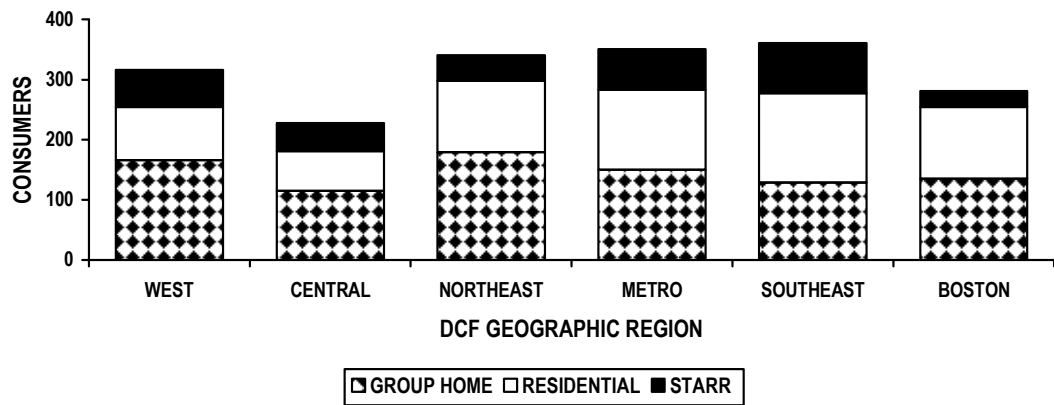


FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER)

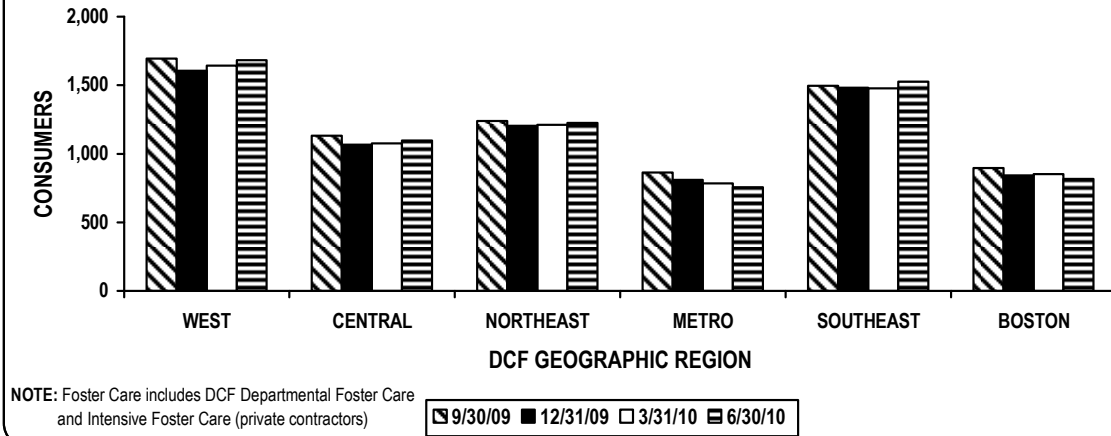
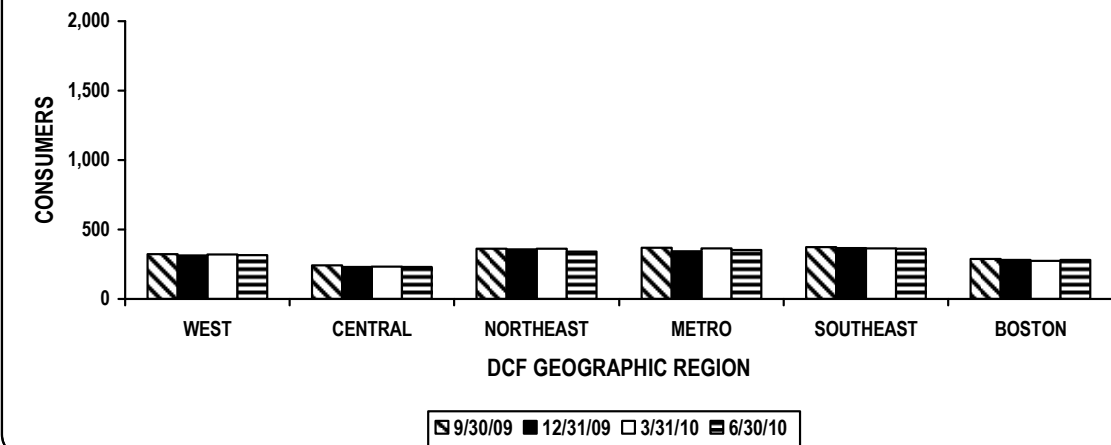


FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER)



**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,040	48%	721	49%	850	48%	679	50%	958	47%	669	52%	96	42%	20	32%	5,033	49%
Male	1,108	52%	757	51%	918	52%	672	50%	1,062	53%	608	48%	131	58%	42	68%	5,298	51%
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Race:																		
White	1,326	62%	958	65%	1,089	62%	870	64%	1,362	67%	302	24%	104	46%	4	6%	6,015	58%
Black	292	14%	168	11%	196	11%	271	20%	376	19%	708	55%	47	21%	36	58%	2,094	20%
Asian	9	*	26	2%	93	5%	30	2%	8	*	23	2%	2	1%	22	35%	213	2%
Native American	4	*	5	*	3	*	4	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	26	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	2	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	119	6%	75	5%	112	6%	59	4%	123	6%	40	3%	25	11%	---	---	553	5%
Unable to Determine	398	19%	244	17%	274	15%	116	9%	141	7%	203	16%	49	22%	---	---	1,425	14%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	729	34%	430	29%	595	34%	185	14%	312	15%	329	26%	66	29%	9	15%	2,655	26%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,296	60%	979	66%	1,110	63%	1,089	81%	1,608	80%	899	70%	137	60%	50	81%	7,168	69%
Unable to Determine	123	6%	69	5%	63	4%	77	6%	100	5%	49	4%	24	11%	---	---	505	5%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	5%	3	*
Total	2,148	100%	1,478		1,768		1,351		2,020		1,277		227		62		10,331	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	346	16%	214	14%	212	12%	173	13%	324	16%	185	14%	31	14%	1	2%	1,486	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	262	12%	169	11%	166	9%	102	8%	240	12%	106	8%	47	21%	1	2%	1,093	11%
(6 - 11 yrs)	417	19%	331	22%	299	17%	234	17%	348	17%	193	15%	107	47%	3	5%	1,932	19%
(12 - 17 yrs)	858	40%	582	39%	733	41%	614	45%	789	39%	541	42%	42	19%	24	39%	4,183	40%
18 or older	265	12%	182	12%	358	20%	228	17%	319	16%	252	20%	---	---	33	53%	1,637	16%
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	722	34%	517	35%	539	30%	448	33%	815	40%	444	35%	1	*	2	3%	3,488	34%
Adoption	542	25%	437	30%	390	22%	257	19%	374	19%	237	19%	214	94%	---	---	2,451	24%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	361	17%	242	16%	441	25%	308	23%	409	20%	342	27%	---	---	18	29%	2,121	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	171	8%	90	6%	150	8%	133	10%	168	8%	86	7%	---	---	5	8%	803	8%
Guardianship	125	6%	61	4%	117	7%	95	7%	107	5%	68	5%	7	3%	---	---	580	6%
Stabilization of Family	124	6%	87	6%	86	5%	70	5%	104	5%	72	6%	---	---	---	---	543	5%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	19%	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	103	5%	44	3%	45	3%	40	3%	43	2%	28	2%	5	2%	25	40%	333	3%
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	565	26%	433	29%	422	24%	358	26%	542	27%	340	27%	7	3%	8	13%	2,675	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	354	16%	263	18%	275	16%	240	18%	343	17%	191	15%	19	8%	15	24%	1,700	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	306	14%	190	13%	236	13%	153	11%	278	14%	170	13%	34	15%	8	13%	1,375	13%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	161	7%	118	8%	142	8%	138	10%	175	9%	140	11%	22	10%	5	8%	901	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	455	21%	277	19%	313	18%	244	18%	395	20%	244	19%	99	44%	15	24%	2,042	20%
> 4 yrs	307	14%	197	13%	380	21%	218	16%	286	14%	192	15%	46	20%	11	18%	1,637	16%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	0%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽⁴⁾ "Old" taxonomy

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

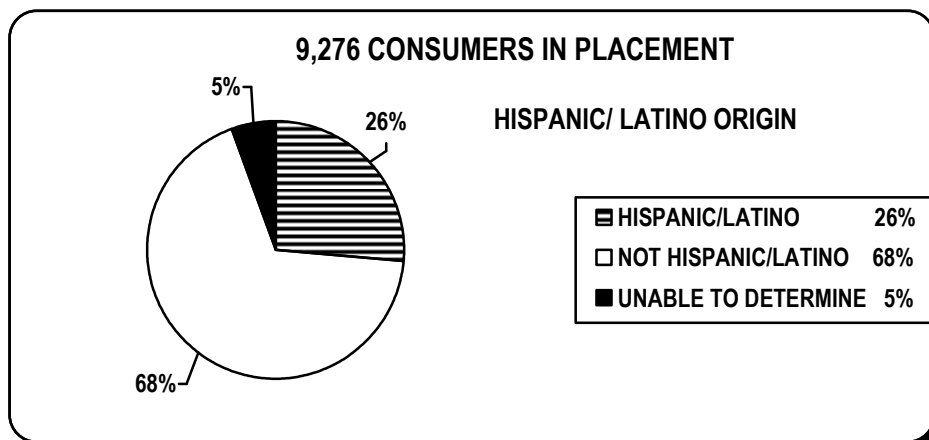
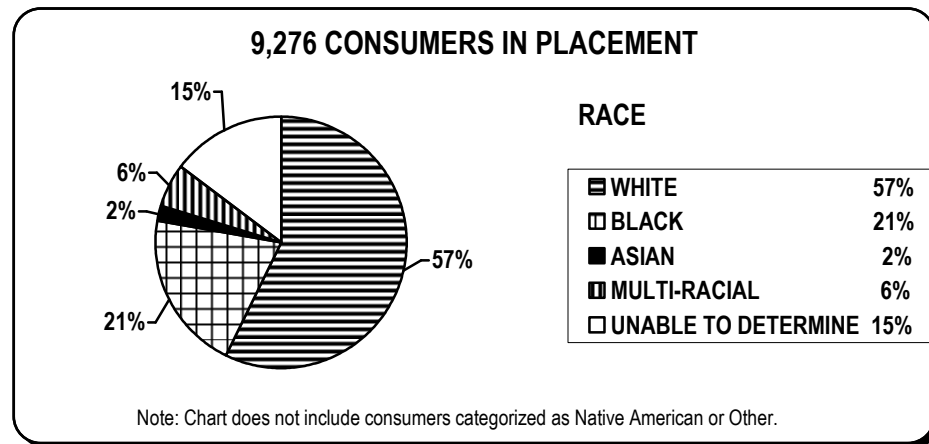
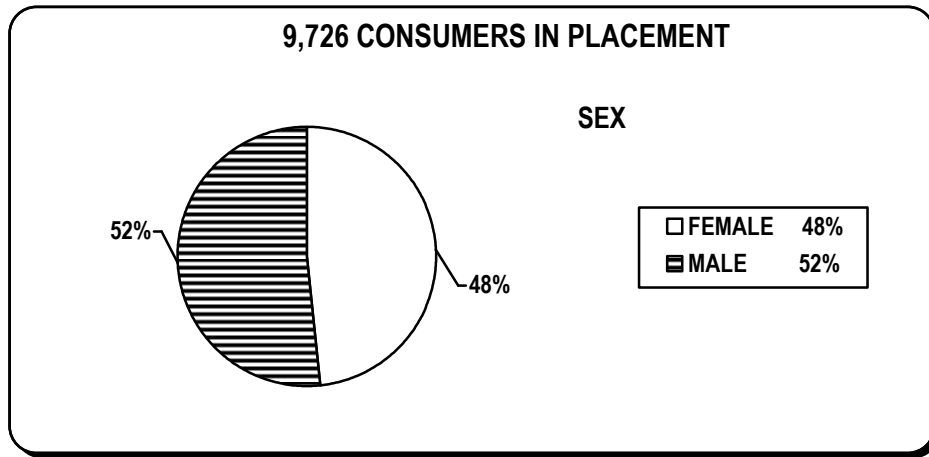


FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

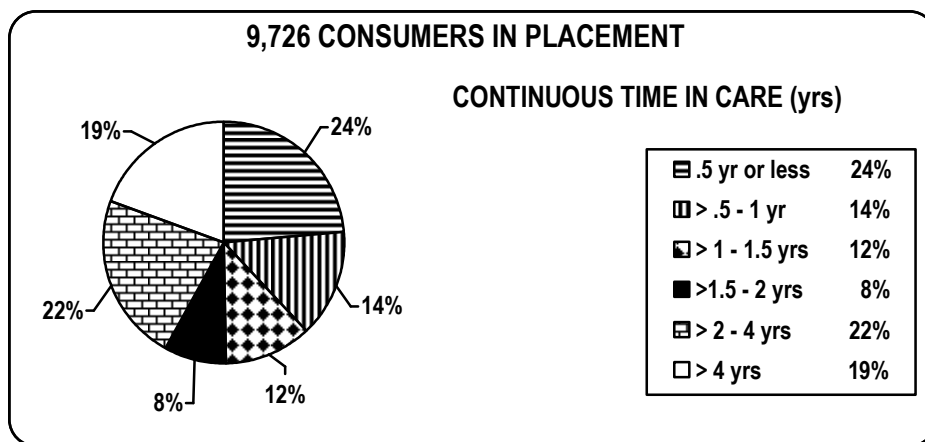
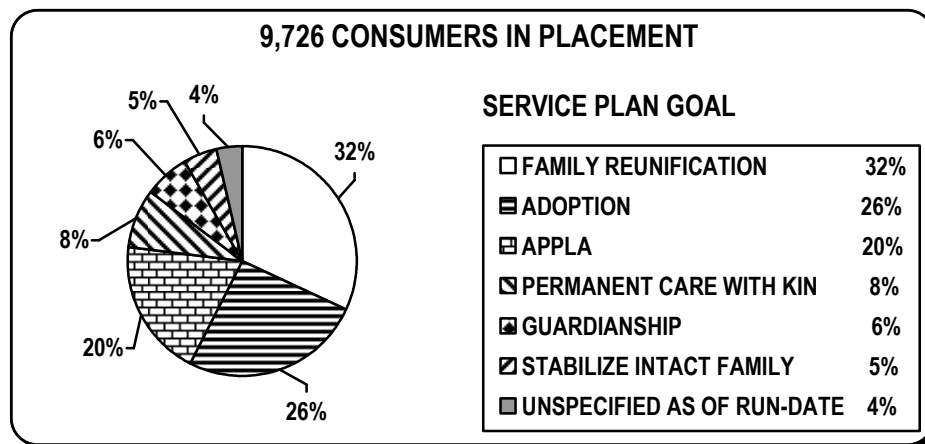
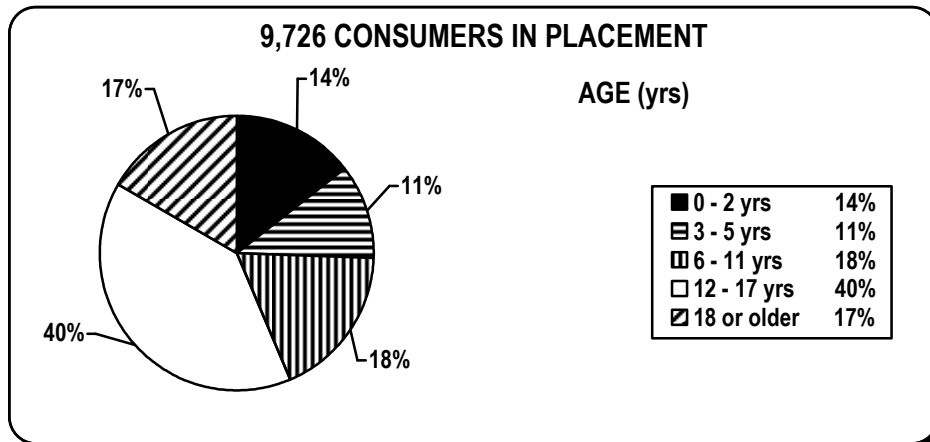


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers																Total	
	Native																	
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Undetermined		Missing		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	1,348	24%	391	20%	40	20%	8	33%	1	50%	126	23%	384	27%	2	50%	2,300	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	781	14%	269	13%	35	17%	2	8%	---	---	86	16%	217	15%	---	---	1,390	14%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	666	12%	203	10%	36	18%	3	13%	---	---	62	12%	167	12%	---	---	1,137	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	458	8%	183	9%	28	14%	2	8%	---	---	53	10%	95	7%	2	50%	821	8%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,188	21%	489	24%	36	18%	7	29%	1	50%	144	27%	306	22%	---	---	2,171	22%
> 4yrs	1,095	20%	460	23%	26	13%	2	8%	---	---	66	12%	245	17%	---	---	1,894	19%
Unspecified	6	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	*	---	---	13	*
Total	5,542	100%	1,997	100%	201	100%	24	100%	2	100%	537	100%	1,419	100%	4	100%	9,726	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total No. %	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	632	25%	1,513	23%	154	29%	1	33%	2,300	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	367	14%	928	14%	95	18%	---	---	1,390	14%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	281	11%	787	12%	69	13%	---	---	1,137	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	203	8%	585	9%	33	6%	---	---	821	8%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	560	22%	1,512	23%	99	19%	---	---	2,171	22%
> 4yrs	510	20%	1,304	20%	78	15%	2	67%	1,894	19%
Unspecified	6	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	13	*
Total	2,559	100%	6,636	100%	528	100%	3	100%	9,726	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,798	32%	584	29%	66	33%	7	29%	1	50%	179	33%	466	15%	---	---	3,101	100%
Alternative Plan Perm Arrange ⁽²⁾	1,040	19%	509	25%	57	28%	6	25%	---	---	49	9%	246	13%	---	---	1,907	100%
Adoption	1,426	26%	428	21%	31	15%	4	17%	---	---	222	41%	371	15%	---	---	2,482	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	457	8%	198	10%	19	9%	3	13%	---	---	21	4%	112	14%	---	---	810	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	262	5%	87	4%	12	6%	---	---	1	50%	21	4%	90	19%	1	25%	474	100%
Guardianship	380	7%	123	6%	5	2%	2	8%	---	---	33	6%	63	10%	2	50%	608	100%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	1 *		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	179	3%	67	3%	11	5%	2	8%	---	---	12	2%	71	21%	1	25%	343	100%
Total	5,542	100%	1,997	100%	201	100%	24	100%	2	100%	537	100%	1,419	15%	4	100%	9,726	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ Old Toxonomy

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	832	33%	2,079	31%	190	36%	---	---	3,101	100%
Alternative Plan Perm Arrange ⁽¹⁾	475	19%	1,371	21%	60	11%	1	33%	1,907	100%
Adoption	691	27%	1,625	24%	166	31%	---	---	2,482	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	195	8%	583	9%	32	6%	---	---	810	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	132	5%	310	5%	32	6%	---	---	474	100%
Guardianship	146	6%	436	7%	26	5%	---	---	608	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	33%	1	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	88	3%	232	3%	22	4%	1	33%	343	100%
Total	2,559	100%	6,636	100%	528	100%	3	100%	9,726	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ Old Toxonomy

**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	596	19%	358	12%	613	20%	1,504	49%	30	1%	3,101	100%
Adoption	648	26%	614	25%	829	33%	387	16%	4	*	2,482	100%
Alternative Plan Perm Arrange ⁽¹⁾	2	*	1	*	---	---	547	29%	1,357	71%	1,907	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	3	*	6	1%	37	5%	658	81%	106	13%	810	100%
Guardianship	40	7%	61	10%	178	29%	306	50%	23	4%	608	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	57	12%	21	4%	56	12%	282	59%	58	12%	474	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	1	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	49	14%	27	8%	45	13%	171	50%	51	15%	343	100%
Total	1,395	14%	1,088	11%	1,758	18%	3,856	40%	1,629	17%	9,726	100%

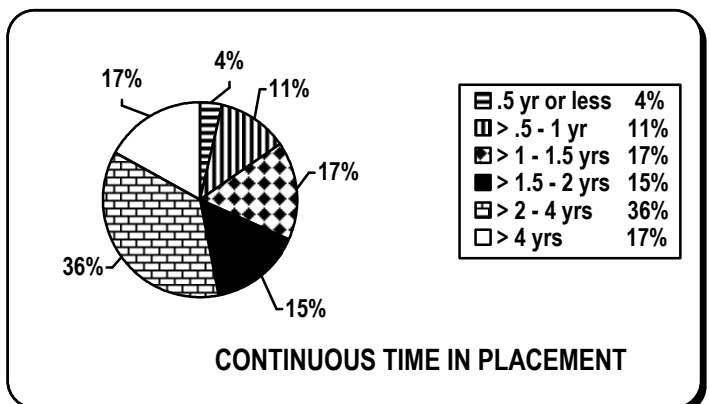
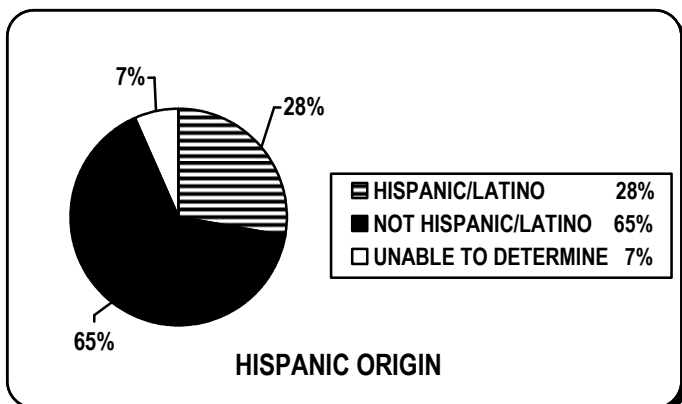
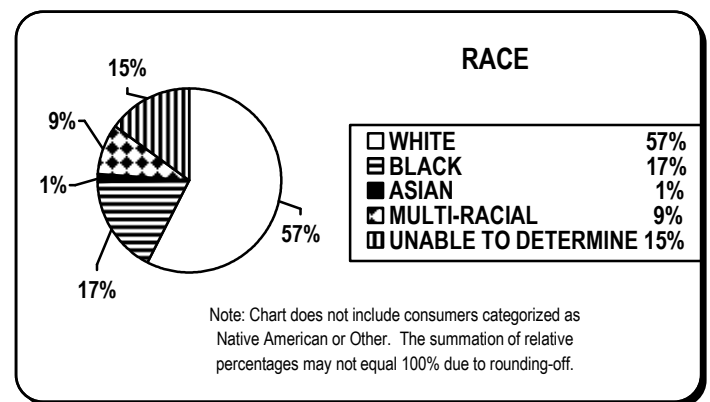
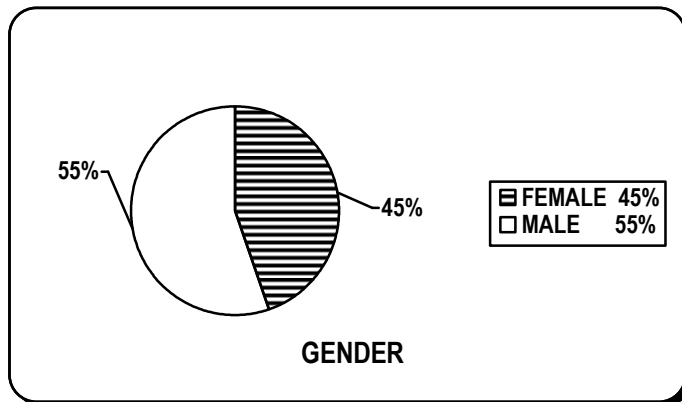
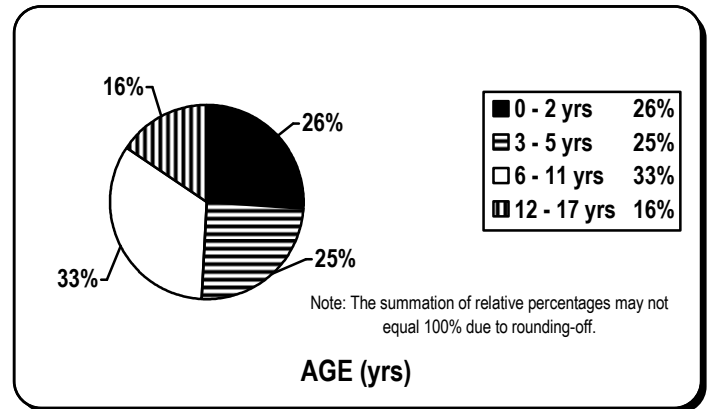
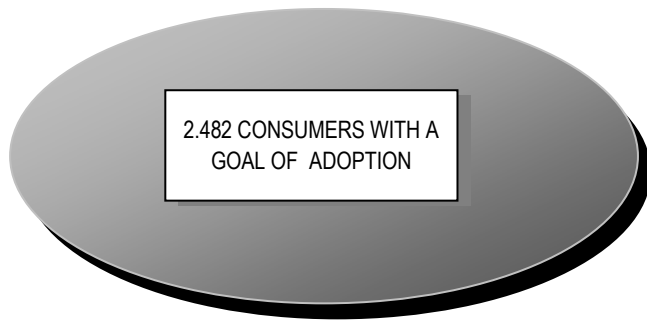
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement														Total	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,484	48%	811	26%	366	12%	122	4%	259	8%	59	2%	---	---	3,101	100%
Adoption	92	4%	285	11%	411	17%	377	15%	893	36%	424	17%	---	---	2,482	100%
Alternative Plan Perm Arrange ⁽¹⁾	82	4%	127	7%	139	7%	162	8%	551	29%	833	44%	13	1%	1,907	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	29	4%	32	4%	59	7%	58	7%	237	29%	395	49%	---	---	810	100%
Guardianship	28	5%	74	12%	115	19%	82	13%	182	30%	127	21%	---	---	608	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	319	67%	46	10%	31	7%	10	2%	32	7%	36	8%	---	---	474	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	1	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	266	78%	15	4%	16	5%	10	3%	17	5%	19	6%	---	---	343	100%
Total	2,300	24%	1,390	14%	1,137	12%	821	8%	2,171	22%	1,894	19%	13	*	9,726	100%

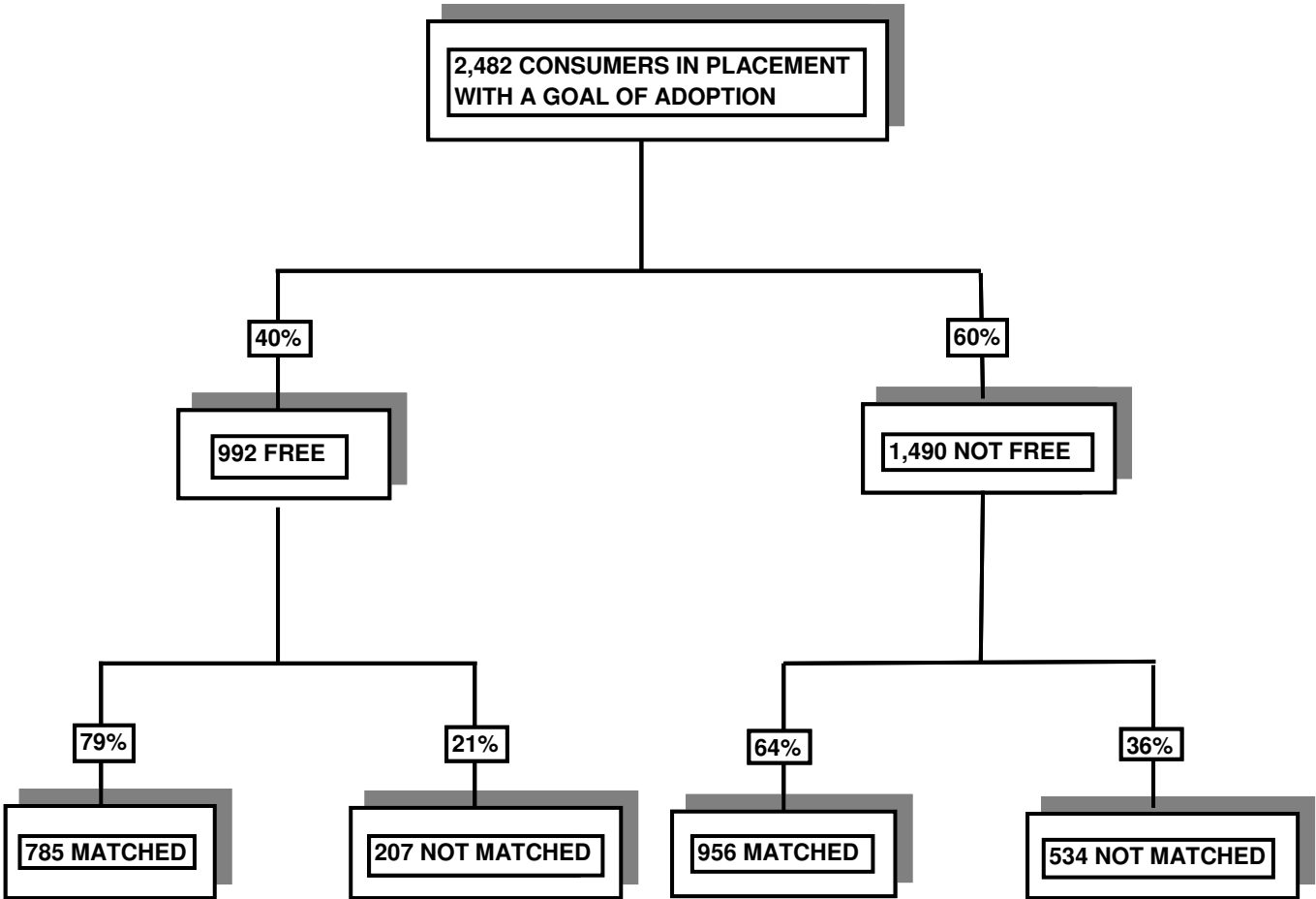
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ old taxonomy

**FIGURE 12A. AGE, GENDER, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

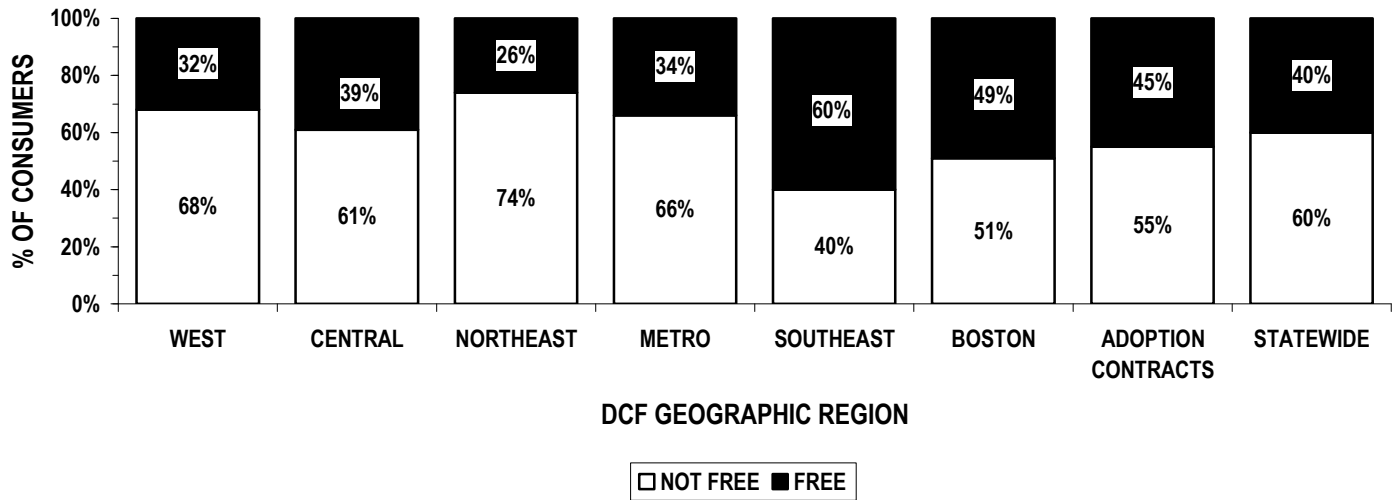


**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10)**

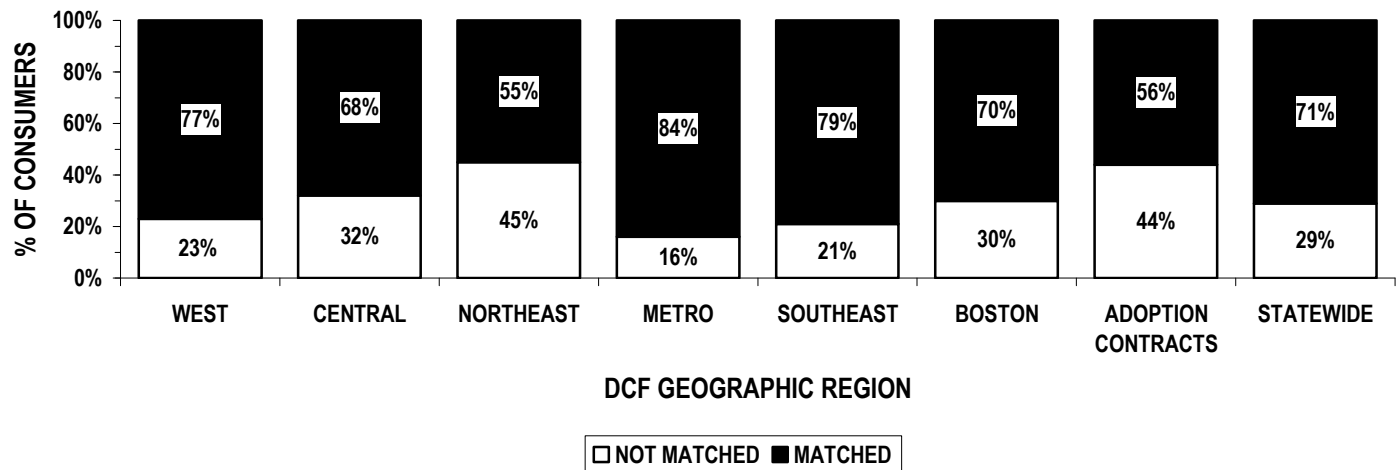


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, there were 2,621 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,664 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B** on next page)
- By the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, case openings were 2% higher and consumer openings were 6% higher than the previous quarter. Case openings were highest in the 3rd and 4th quarters of FY'2010. (**Fig. 14** on page 44)
- Eighty-two percent of case intakes and 85% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 5% of case intakes and 4% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 6% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 78-86% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 3-6% of the total intakes for each region. (**Fig. 13** on page 44, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of case intakes by CHINS referrals, voluntary requests, and supported maltreatment reports were highest in the Southeastern Region: 40 case openings by CHINS, 33 by voluntaries, and 461 openings by supported reports (**Table 9A**).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter (**Fig. 14** on page 44). This quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports (**Fig. 21** on page 58).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER 4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**

Case Counts ⁽¹⁾											Total No.
DCF Geographic Region	Protective		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	433	83%	24	5%	14	3%	10	2%	41	8%	522
Central	342	86%	16	4%	23	6%	13	3%	6	2%	400
Northeast	303	78%	28	7%	23	6%	11	3%	24	6%	389
Metro	338	86%	24	6%	16	4%	8	2%	8	2%	394
Southeast	461	80%	40	7%	33	6%	15	3%	27	5%	576
Boston	265	81%	27	8%	19	6%	6	2%	11	3%	328
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	100%	5
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total	2,142	82%	159	6%	135	5%	63	2%	122	5%	2,621

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER 4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	3,130	89%	162	5%	88	3%	52	1%	125	4%	3,505
Central	2,149	84%	153	6%	119	5%	116	5%	133	5%	2,554
Northeast	2,325	84%	173	6%	115	4%	117	4%	153	6%	2,766
Metro	1,968	85%	153	7%	101	4%	68	3%	82	4%	2,304
Southeast	2,937	84%	283	8%	152	4%	81	2%	118	3%	3,490
Boston	1,699	84%	206	10%	67	3%	36	2%	62	3%	2,034
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	100%	5
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	6	100%	---	---	---	---	6
Total	14,208	85%	1,130	7%	648	4%	470	3%	678	4%	16,664

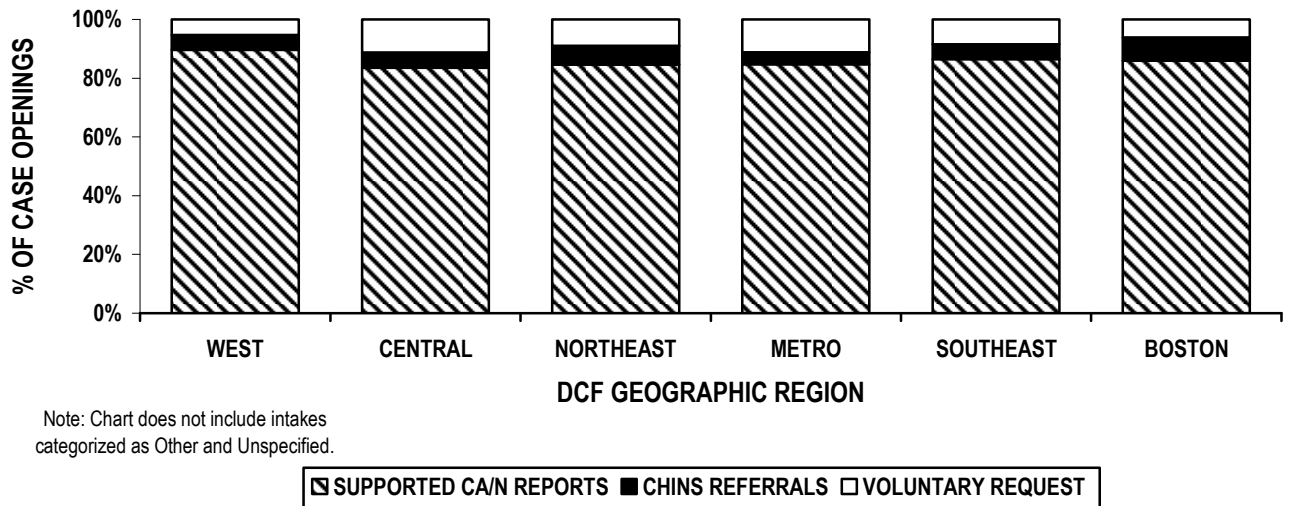
⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

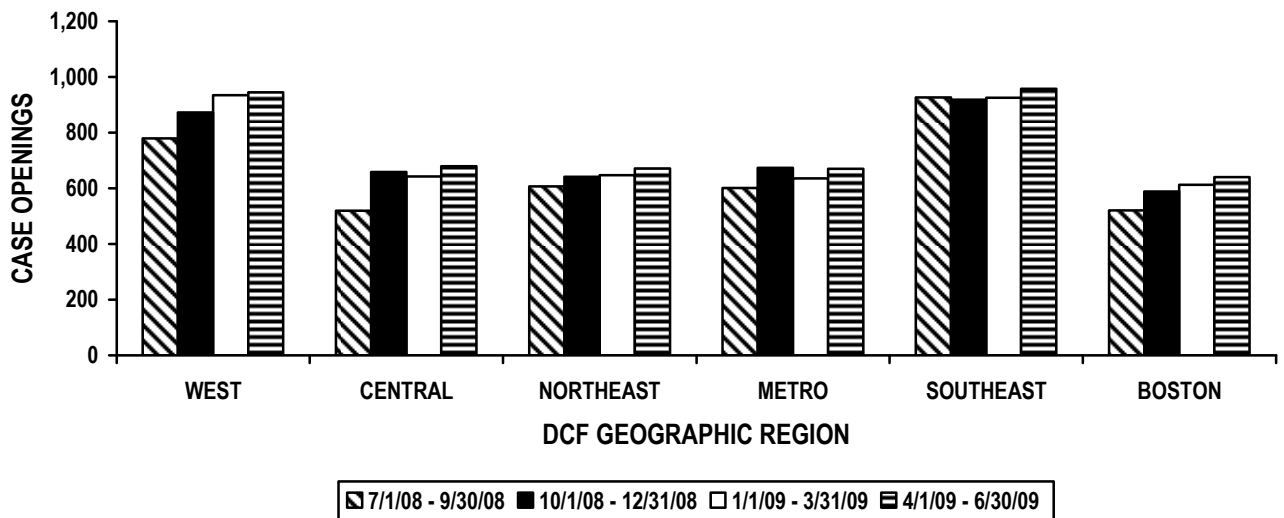
⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER)**



Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, 1,910 consumers entered placement and 2,049 consumers left placement.²¹ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11 on page 47)
- Compared to the 3rd quarter of FY'2010, there was a 2% increase in consumers entering placement and an 8% increase in consumers leaving placement during the 4th quarter.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²² Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 54% in the Northeast to 69% in Metro. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 48)
- The 1,910 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 24% (West), 22% (Southeast), 16% (Central), 15% (Northeast), 13% (Metro), and 10% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 69% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in congregate care,²³ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁴
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 55% in Metro to 80% in Central. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 14% in Central to 40% in Metro. (Table 10, Fig. 16 on page 48)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-four percent of first-time entrants and 61% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 31% of re-entrants and 24% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

²¹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²² Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²³ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²⁴ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 67% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 60% in Boston to 72% in the West. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 7% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 10% were emancipated, and 4% were granted guardianships. **(Table 11)**
- The proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 5% in each of three regions (West, Central, and Southeast) to 10% in Boston. The proportion emancipated ranged from 6% in the West to 12% in both the Metro and Southeastern Regions. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 1% in the Northeast to 6% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	279	195	160	168	266	112	7	1,187
Foster Care	224	164	116	97	192	79	2	874
Congregate Care	49	24	39	66	71	31	---	280
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	6	7	5	5	3	2	5	33
Re-Entrants:	174	117	136	74	150	72	---	723
Foster Care	116	86	74	35	90	42	---	443
Congregate Care	46	20	52	31	50	26	---	225
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	12	11	10	8	10	4	---	55
Total	453	312	296	242	416	184	7	1,910

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

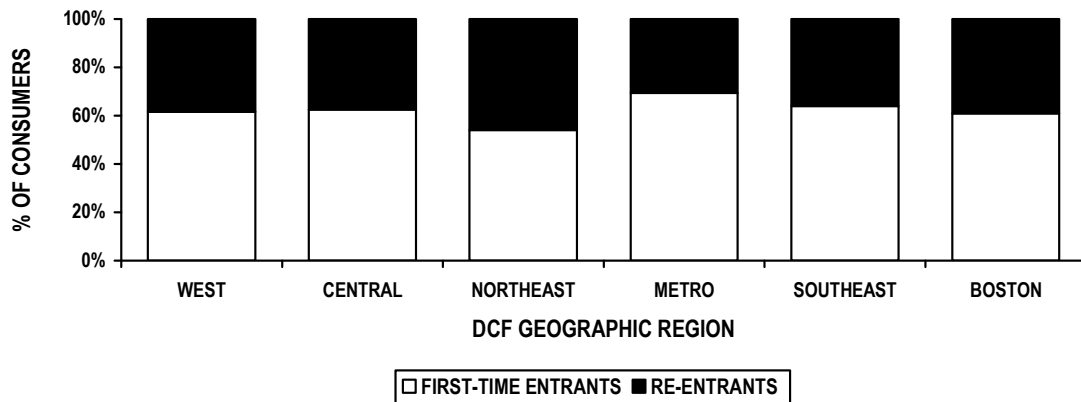
⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**

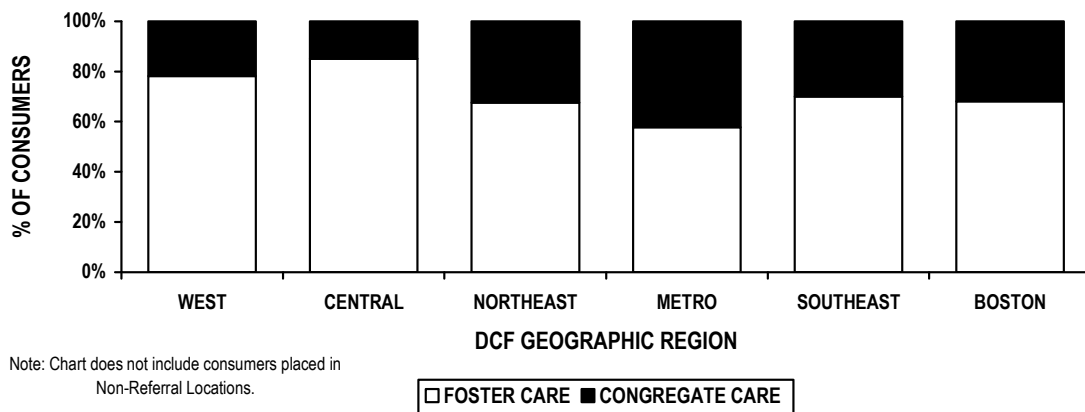
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home	316	208	219	223	242	156	---	1,364
Child 18 or Older	26	28	34	38	46	27	3	202
Consumer Adopted	22	16	28	25	21	27	---	139
Guardianship	19	7	4	17	24	8	---	79
Custody to Other Individual	21	11	15	8	5	20	---	80
Custody to Other Agency	2	2	4	2	3	2	---	15
Unspecified	34	36	21	14	46	19	---	170
Total	440	308	325	327	387	259	3	2,049

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

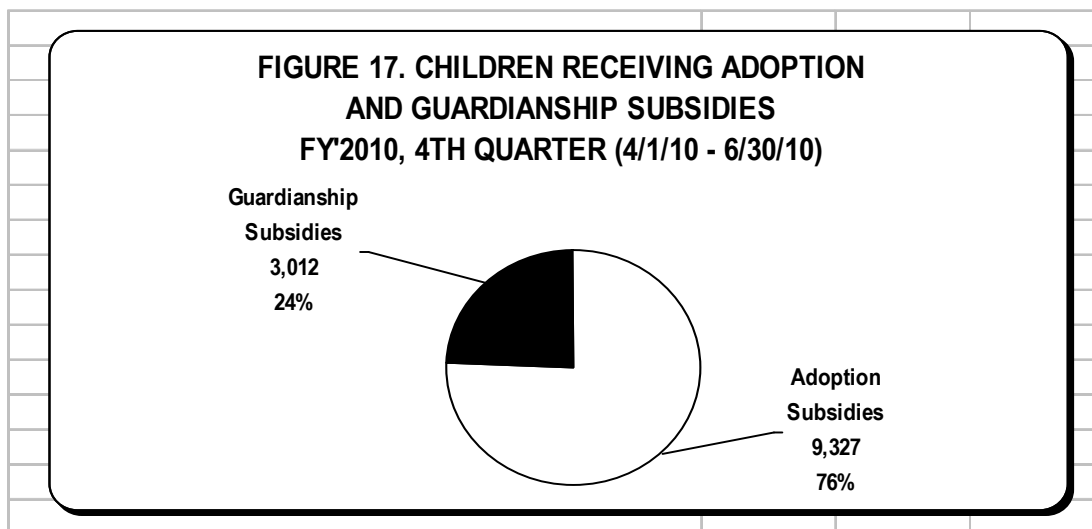


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,327 (Fig. 17). Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,012. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number of service referrals actively paying out.



From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, adoption and guardianship subsidies declined 2% and 1%, respectively. Typically, adoption and guardianship subsidies fluctuate from -1 to 1% (See table below).

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2007	1 st	---	2,970	---
	2 nd	1%	2,937	-1%
	3 rd	*	2,980	1%
	4 th	-1%	2,978	*
FY'2008	1 st	*	2,964	*
	2 nd	1%	2,971	*
	3 rd	*	2,992	1%
	4 th	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 st	*	3,005	*
	2 nd	*	3,031	1%
	3 rd	*	3,082	2%
	4 th	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 st	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 nd	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 rd	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 th	-2%	3,012	-1%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²⁵

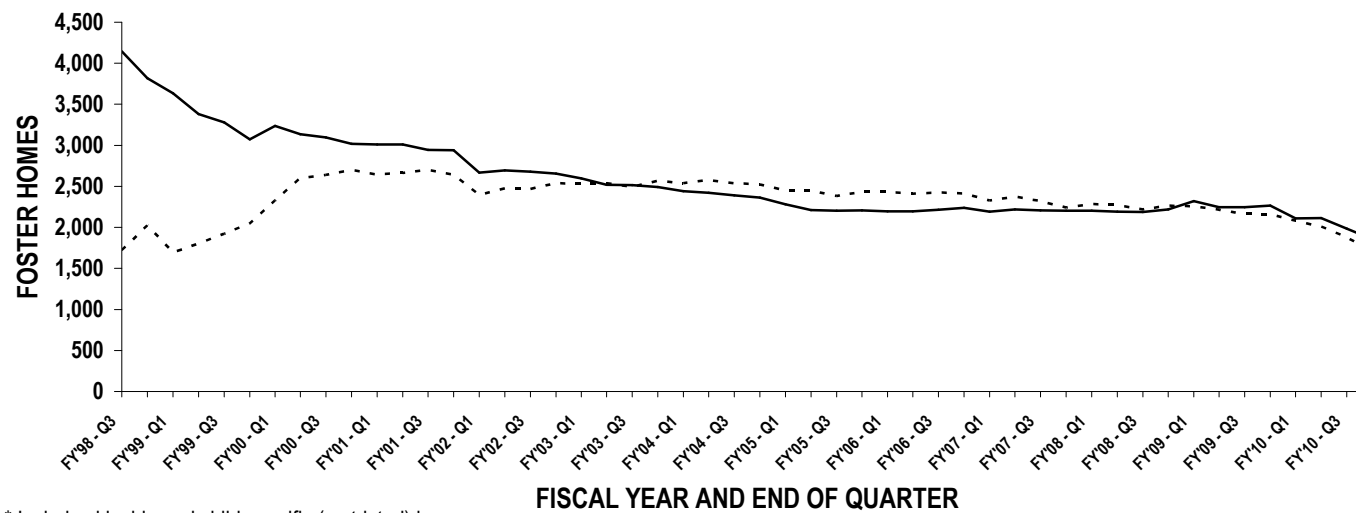
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, there were 3,575 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁶ as well as unrestricted homes.²⁷ There were 1,717 restricted and 1,858 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2010. Restricted foster homes have been declining for about two years while unrestricted have been declining for about one year. **(Table 12A and graph on pages 51-52)**
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007 through the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, the proportion of restricted homes fluctuated between 48% and 51%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 80% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. **(Table 12A, Table 12C on page 53)**
- Statewide, 70% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Twelve percent (446) of all foster homes were identified as Black (242 restricted and 204 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (554) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (260 restricted and 294 unrestricted). **(Table 12B on page 52)**

²⁵ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

²⁶ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

²⁷ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES*
End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 4th Quarter of FY'2010 (6/30/10)



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

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TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	336		261		299		209		409		161		42		1,717	
White	265	79%	157	60%	215	72%	149	71%	331	81%	53	33%	30	71%	1,200	70%
Black	40	12%	15	6%	28	9%	27	13%	43	11%	84	52%	5	12%	242	14%
Asian	1	*	4	2%	8	3%	2	1%	---	---	1	1%	---	---	16	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	---	---	4	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	2	1%	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	1	*	---	---	4	1%	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	7	*
Unable to Determine	28	8%	81	31%	41	14%	29	14%	26	6%	21	13%	4	10%	230	13%
Unspecified	---	---	2	1%	3	1%	1	*	3	1%	2	1%	3	7%	14	1%
Unrestricted:	430		280		220		256		449		163		60		1,858	
White	354	82%	234	84%	176	80%	217	85%	382	85%	65	40%	58	97%	1,486	80%
Black	42	10%	8	3%	12	5%	30	12%	30	7%	81	50%	1	2%	204	11%
Asian	1	*	---	---	11	5%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	2%	13	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	---	---	4	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	16	4%	4	1%	3	1%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	1%
Unable to Determine	16	4%	34	12%	16	7%	6	2%	33	7%	17	10%	---	---	122	7%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	766		541		519		465		858		324		102		3,575	

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/10) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	336		261		299		209		409		161		42		1,717	
Hispanic/Latino	60	18%	43	16%	69	23%	15	7%	28	7%	35	22%	10	24%	260	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	261	78%	158	61%	216	72%	178	85%	366	89%	122	76%	28	67%	1,329	77%
Unable to Determine	15	4%	56	21%	13	4%	16	8%	12	3%	3	2%	1	2%	116	7%
Unspecified	---	---	4	2%	1	*	---	---	3	1%	1	1%	3	7%	12	1%
Unrestricted:	430		280		220		256		449		163		60		1,858	
Hispanic/Latino	94	22%	61	22%	52	24%	8	3%	42	9%	35	21%	2	3%	294	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	333	77%	210	75%	160	73%	239	93%	394	88%	128	79%	58	97%	1,522	82%
Unable to Determine	3	1%	9	3%	6	3%	9	4%	12	3%	---	---	---	---	39	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	766		541		519		465		858		324		102		3,575	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	413		349		361		288		511		208		32		2,162	
Married	246	60%	205	59%	192	53%	158	55%	275	54%	60	29%	15	47%	1,151	53%
Single	88	21%	88	25%	92	25%	79	27%	128	25%	103	50%	10	31%	588	27%
Divorced	49	12%	33	9%	47	13%	24	8%	60	12%	23	11%	6	19%	242	11%
Widowed	14	3%	10	3%	15	4%	15	5%	23	5%	10	5%	---	---	87	4%
Separated	15	4%	8	2%	14	4%	10	3%	17	3%	11	5%	---	---	75	3%
Unspecified	1	*	5	1%	1	*	2	1%	8	2%	1	*	1	3%	19	1%
Unrestricted:	508		345		270		328		517		186		111		2,265	
Married	319	63%	258	75%	156	58%	225	69%	337	65%	60	32%	77	69%	1,432	63%
Single	97	19%	45	13%	55	20%	68	21%	86	17%	85	46%	25	23%	461	20%
Divorced	61	12%	32	9%	42	16%	23	7%	65	13%	28	15%	7	6%	258	11%
Widowed	16	3%	2	1%	10	4%	6	2%	19	4%	6	3%	---	---	59	3%
Separated	15	3%	8	2%	6	2%	6	2%	10	2%	7	4%	2	2%	54	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	921		694		631		616		1,028		394		143		4,427	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, Initial Assessments, and DA Referrals

In August 2009, DCF implemented a “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An assessment response provides an alternative to a CPS investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of an allegation. The initial assessment response cannot be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect.

Reports

- Statewide, 21,747 reports were recorded during the 4th Quarter of FY’2010. Forty-one percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 18% were screened-in for initial assessment. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13 on page 56)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,843) and Southeast (3,107). The Judge Baker Children’s Center (hotline) recorded 5,978 reports (Table 13). Regionally, reports increased each quarter of FY’2010 **(Fig. 21 on page 58)**.
- Regional screen-in rates for an investigation response ranged from 28% in Metro to 43% in both the Southeast and Boston. The screen-in rate for investigations at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 49%. **(Table 13, Fig. 18 on page 57)**
- Regional screen-in rates for initial assessments ranged from 15% in the Southeast to 22% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate for initial assessments at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 14%. **(Table 13, Fig. 18)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-5% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 21% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 8% from the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY’2010. Regional changes ranged from less than 1% in the West to 11% in the Northeast. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 21 on page 58)**

Initial Assessments

- There were 3,398 initial assessments completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2010. In 39% of the initial assessments, the assessment decision was “concern” and in 61% the decision was “low or no concern.” The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 14B** on page 56, **Fig. 20** on page 57)

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 was 7,891.²⁸ Of these investigations, 108 resulted from report(s) screened-in for initial assessment. This conversion from an initial assessment to an investigation occurred because during the initial assessment: (1) DCF received another child maltreatment report on a family; or (2) the DCF social worker filed a report on the family. In both cases, the filed reports met the criteria for a mandatory CPS investigation response. Of the 108 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 76 and unsupported for 32.
- Fifty-nine percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 14A** on page 56)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (1,608 and 1,490, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 55% in the Northeast to a high of 61% in the Southeast. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 72% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 14A, Fig. 19** on page 57)
- Statewide, investigations increased 8% from the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2010. Regional changes in investigations ranged from 2% in Boston to 24% in the Northeast. (**Figs. 22 and 23** on page 58)

²⁸ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports for investigation. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision								Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment			
			Non-Emergency		Emergency					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,570	41%	1,347	35%	173	5%	753	20%	3,843	18%
Central	982	41%	851	35%	96	4%	481	20%	2,410	11%
Northeast	1,121	43%	826	32%	89	3%	575	22%	2,611	12%
Metro	1,120	52%	567	26%	44	2%	443	20%	2,174	10%
Southeast	1,295	42%	1,251	40%	97	3%	464	15%	3,107	14%
Boston	598	37%	635	40%	54	3%	314	20%	1,601	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,244	38%	1,678	28%	1,242	21%	814	14%	5,978	27%
Special Investigations	8	35%	15	65%	---	---	---	---	23	*
Total	8,938	41%	7,170	33%	1,795	8%	3,844	18%	21,747	100%

TABLE 14A. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)

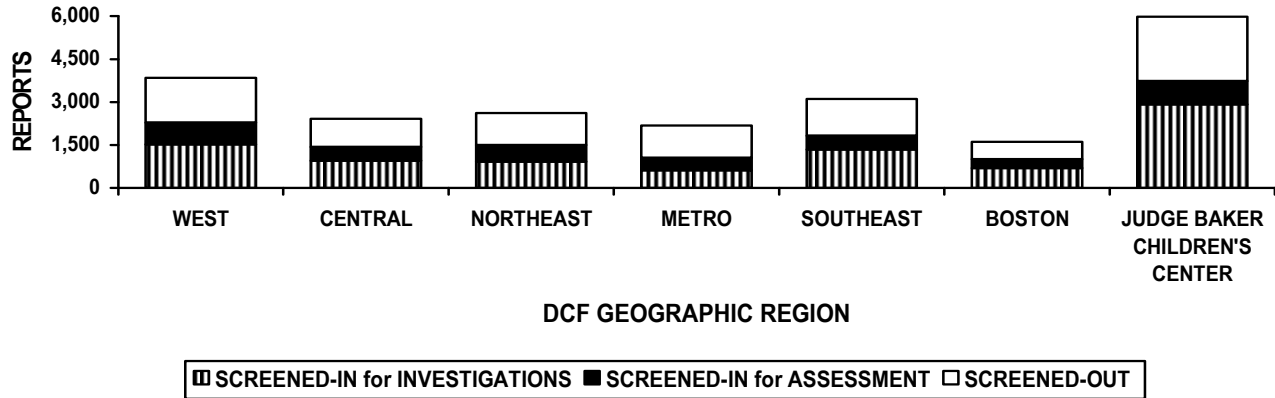
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	881	59%	609	41%	1,490	19%
Central	599	59%	420	41%	1,019	13%
Northeast	555	55%	448	45%	1,003	13%
Metro	400	56%	318	44%	718	9%
Southeast	977	61%	631	39%	1,608	20%
Boston	457	57%	338	43%	795	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	711	72%	270	28%	981	12%
Special Investigations	37	13%	240	87%	277	4%
Total	4,617	59%	3,274	41%	7,891	100%

TABLE 14B. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)

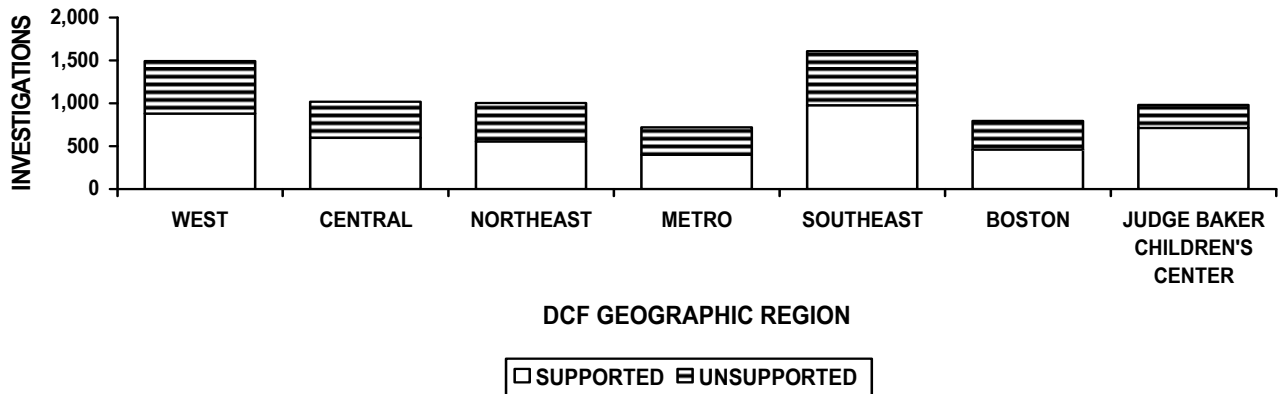
DCF Geographic Region	Assessment Decision				Total	
	Concern		Low/No Concern			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	295	40%	439	60%	734	22%
Central	238	44%	299	56%	537	16%
Northeast	236	36%	429	65%	665	20%
Metro	241	42%	315	57%	556	16%
Southeast	171	33%	348	67%	519	15%
Boston	156	40%	231	60%	387	11%
Total	1,337	39%	2,061	61%	3,398	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

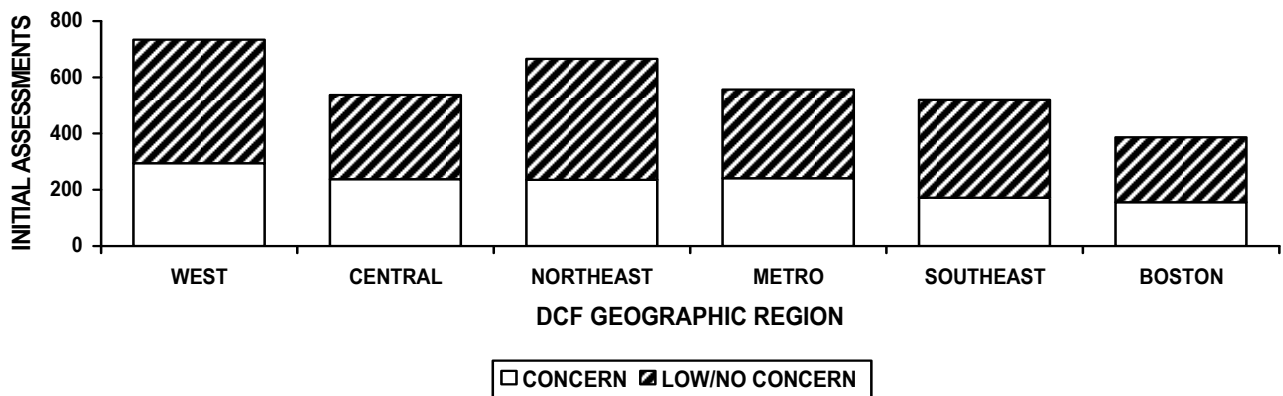
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**



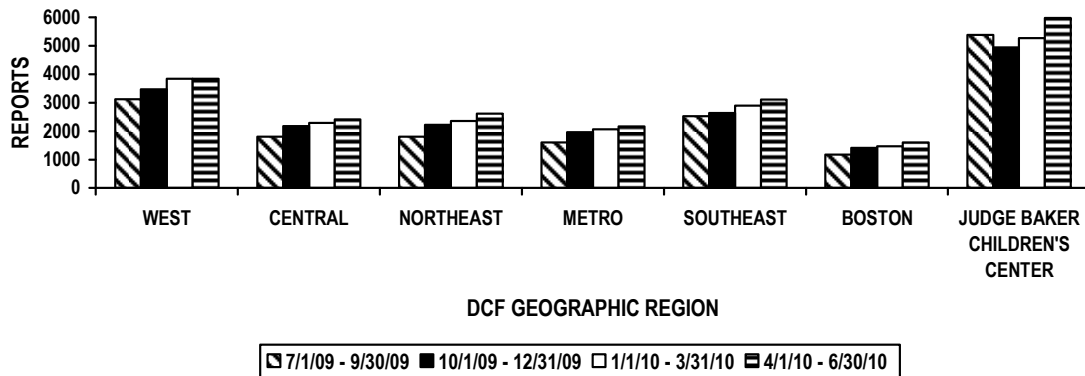
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/010 - 6/30/010)**



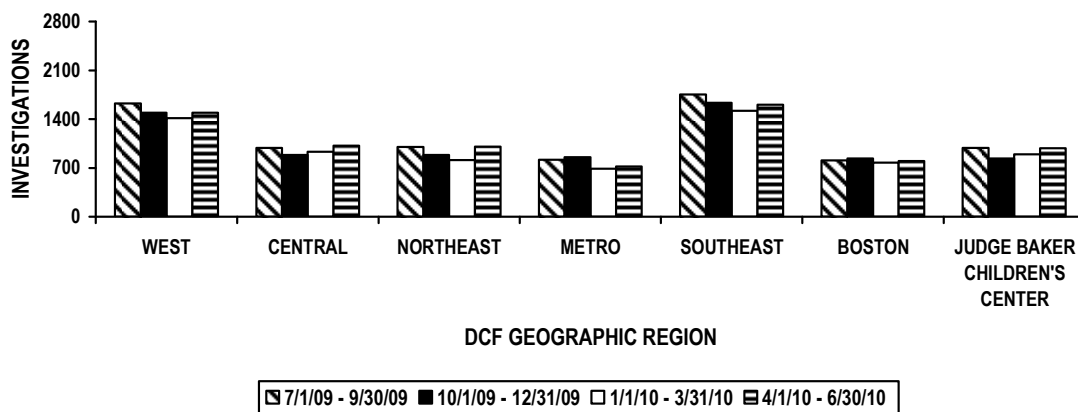
**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS
(INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**



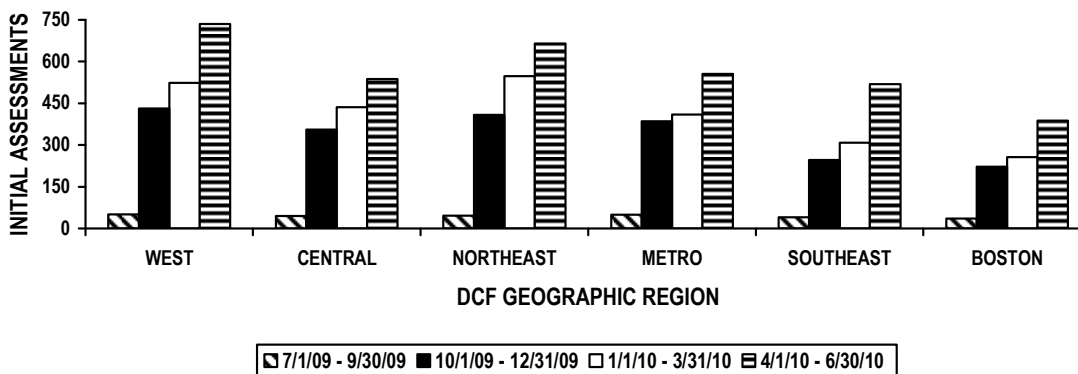
**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 22. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 23. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2010, 1,623 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁹ and 46% were discretionary referrals³⁰ (**Fig. 24** on page 62). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past four fiscal years (See table below).

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'2006, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'2006, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'2006, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'2007, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'2007, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'2007, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'2008, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'2008, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'2008, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009, Q1	676	52%	631	48%	1,307
FY'2009, Q2	740	51%	710	49%	1,450
FY'2009, Q3	705	50%	706	50%	1,411
FY'2009, Q4	806	52%	737	48%	1,543
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

²⁹ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

³⁰ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 81% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³¹ during the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 (**Fig. 25** on page 62, **Table 15** on page 63). Eighteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ³²		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'2006, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'2006, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'2006, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'2006, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'2007, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'2007, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'2007, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'2007, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'2008, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'2008, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'2008, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'2008, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'2009, Q1	569	81%	127	18%	7	1%	703
FY'2009, Q2	629	82%	130	17%	7	1%	766
FY'2009, Q3	577	80%	140	19%	4	1%	721
FY'2009, Q4	638	77%	175	21%	11	1%	824
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	3,014
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	896
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	3,103

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

³¹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

³² Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- **Table 16** (on page 63) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates³³ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected while Hampden (encompasses the city of Springfield) and Berkshire Counties had higher numbers of referrals than expected.
- **Table 17** (on page 63) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 70% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 73% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

³³ U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder. DP-1. General Demographic Characteristics Data Set: 2008 Population Estimates. Children less than 18 years old residing in Massachusetts Counties as of July 2008. (factfinder.census.gov/home/en/official_estimates_2008.html)

DA REFERRALS FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)

FIGURE 24. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

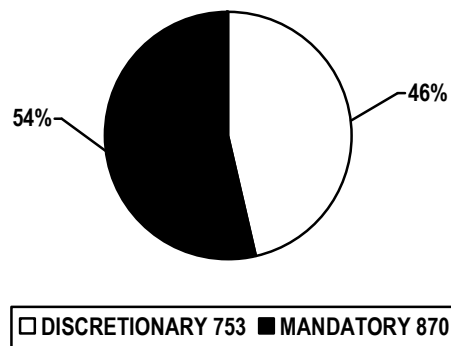
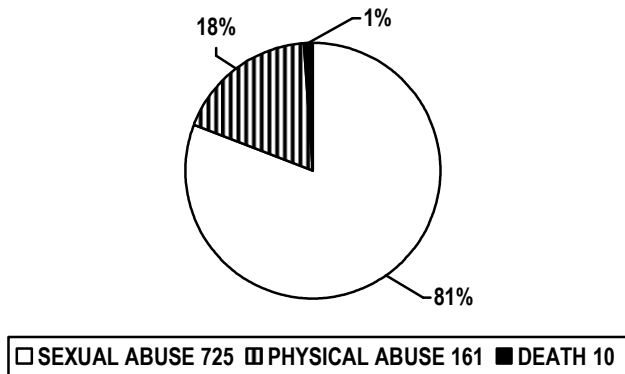


FIGURE 25. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	725	81%
Sexual Assault	688	
Sexual Exploitation	37	
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Serious Physical Abuse:	161	18%
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Death:	10	1%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	896	100%

**TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:⁽¹⁾
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**

FY 2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)						
County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	127	39%	198	61%	325	176,236
Middlesex	121	41%	175	59%	296	323,225
Worcester	128	48%	139	52%	267	188,163
Suffolk	103	51%	98	49%	201	140,437
Hampden	80	60%	53	40%	133	111,071
Bristol	31	36%	56	64%	87	125,467
Plymouth	59	71%	24	29%	83	121,754
Berkshire	36	44%	46	56%	82	25,778
Norfolk	53	73%	20	27%	73	150,875
Franklin	---	---	35	100%	35	14,445
Barnstable	7	39%	11	61%	18	40,209
Hampshire	5	38%	8	62%	13	25,751
Dukes	1	33%	2	---	3	3,398
OUT OF STATE	2	29%	5	71%	7	---
Total	753		870		1,623	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:⁽¹⁾
FY'2010, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/10 - 6/30/10)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	143	3	55	2	203
Middlesex	148	9	23	2	182
Worcester	117	7	19	2	145
Suffolk	76	5	20	---	101
Bristol	46	4	7	---	57
Hampden	39	1	13	1	54
Berkshire	36	2	9	1	48
Franklin	33	1	2	---	36
Plymouth	20	---	4	---	24
Norfolk	12	2	5	1	20
Barnstable	6	2	3	---	11
Hampshire	5	1	1	1	8
Dukes	2	---	---	---	2
OUT OF STATE	5	---	---	---	5
Total:	688	37	161	10	896

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.